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EDITORIAL

EAST AFRICA'S LONDON OFFICE

We have this morning paid our first visit to His Majesty's Eastern African Dependencies' Trade and Information Office at 32 Cockspur Street, Strand, Square—the "London Office," which unofficially originated in Kenya has so long demanded, and the early establishment of which is another of the results of Mr. Ormsby Gore's East Africa Committee.

After a walk of half an hour the arrival is hardly a good day to do it. Colonel W. H. Franklin, the Trade Commissioner for Eastern Africa, who is to take charge of the Office, is hopeful that he may be able to obtain complete possession at the end of this week.

Through the work that the new organization is designed to transact has since the close of the British Empire Exhibition been conducted without interruption at the Department of Overseas Trade and to some extent in the most difficult way.

It is which we expect to do in the first week of the New Year at a Royal Colonial Institute luncheon which Mr. Ormsby Gore will attend as the guest of honour.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies has rendered such unceasing service to East Africa during the past year that it is peculiarly appropriate that he should be the guest of this first official meeting.

He deserves our kindest regards. As a simple man he is a credit to his country and to the civilization of a race of which he is a part. He has something to say on that occasion.

That the 1926 Parliamentary Session should have been too compressed to allow time for the necessary East African Transport Bill to be debated is regrettable in the extreme, and representative East African bodies would do well to urge that the measure should be taken in the early weeks of the next Session, particularly as the Under-Secretary will then return West Africa.

With the opening of the Information Office—which we shall shortly describe in detail—East Africa has its bird's eye and its rallying point in the capital of the Empire. Its acquisition symbolises the past, present and the promise of the future. East Africa, from to men's eyes, has set up home in the Motherland.

THE RETURN OF GERMANS TO TANGANYIKA

IEWS EXPRESSED AT TURUYI CONFERENCE

The settler delegates to the All-East African Unofficial Conference recently held at Nairobi discussed the danger of the decision to re-admit Germans to Tanganyika.

AN ONE who may have been in the slightest doubt as to the views of East Africans regarding the re-admission of ex-enemy subjects to Tanganyika Territory may be recommended to study the following report of proceedings at the Turuyi Conference. It will be borne in mind that the Conference represented delegates from Kenya, Tanganyika, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, and that the standpoint was essentially that of the settler community. The report hereunder has been taken exactly as it stands from the *Livingstone Mail*, whose proprietor and Editor was the leader of the Northern Rhodesian delegation.

The Report.

Mr. Walker thought that Federation ought to be taken as the greatest issue of the Conference. The Germans were returning (thirty had arrived during the last fortnight). He related a number of curious circumstances. They were telling the Natives that they "had to come back," leaving the Natives to draw their own inferences. A party of three had got into their place recently to see if there were any Germans there. Another former settler had acquired land in the neighbourhood. Immediately the Natives had come up with their rifles, which had been confiscated. He knew of a Canadian—a Jew—who was in partnership with a blue-blooded Prussian. He considered it a very serious matter that the Germans should be returning in such numbers and in such a spirit.

Lord Delamere said there were ample safeguards. Captain Billinge was of opinion that if the Germans came back we should disappear from the map. Native opinion had to be considered, and with a majority of German settlers. Might would mean right.

The Danger to East Africa.

Colonel Scott thought that few things could be more disastrous than the return of the Germans. In Kenya they were preponderant in the same way as the British were in Uganda. There the whites were swamped by the blacks, yet the whites always came out on top; they would never let themselves be swamped by the blacks. "United we stand," he quoted. The interests of all those states were identical, the formation and the increase of white British ideals in East Africa. East Africa contained the greatest possibilities within the Empire. They were only held back by the German element. The Germans had to be kept out, but the English and other native races had to be brought in and act together that is difficult and difficult and difficult, but whenever they could co-operate the better.

Tanganyika was a mandated territory. "For goodness' sake—be sure—put up your people in East Africa to the danger of the Germans getting back Tanganyika." (Lord Delamere, "Hear, hear.") He (the speaker) had a friend in the Foreign Office

who had told him that the Germans considered Tanganyika the easiest colony to get back. They must look to the south for help. The Nationalist Government was easier for them to deal with than General Smuts and might help. The best plan was to get into a larger and stronger federation of British farmers; there was as yet plenty of good land and the economic outlook was highly promising. He considered that the British in South and East Africa should stand united in face of common danger.

The Northern Rhodesian View.

Mr. Moore had been greatly concerned to hear that Germans, Dantzigers and Poles were returning or coming out to take up land. At the same time he did not see how it was to be stopped, except in the way indicated by Lord Francis Scott's introduction of British farmers. He and all of them had read the positive pronouncement—it had been printed in their *Gazette*—that Tanganyika was to remain a part of the Empire, but would it in fact? With a non-belligerent population of Germans and others it would be difficult to impose British rule and how about representation? Would federation help or hinder them on this point? It might be that they were within their rights in settling in populated territories, but if Tanganyika became part of a larger federation, would it be possible to keep them out of say Northern Rhodesia? Would federation be any security? Lord Delamere relied on the Colonial Office dictum, but would it hold under a Labour Government? They all had heard the suggestion that Tanganyika might become a pawn in some diplomatic crisis arising out of something not remotely connected with East Africa.

"95 Per Cent. of Farms occupied by Germans."

Mr. Livan associated himself with Mr. Moore's advice to prevent population of farms. He felt sure that it was not caused nor fast the Germans were coming back much faster than any British were coming in. In a very short time 95 per cent. of farms would be occupied by Germans.

Thus ends the report.

For fourteen months *East Africa* has kept its readers so well informed of German intentions and movements that nothing remains to be added.

By October 20th, 1925, the paper may well have stayed on its present position, but no public representations of any importance were made to the local and Imperial Governments. This belated realization of the dangers of the situation must dispel the scepticism of the few people who pretend to believe that there is no reason for anxiety, but it cannot rescind measures already in force.

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THE SUDAN IN 1924.

Retrospect and Prospect.

The report on the administration and conditions of the Sudan in 1924 (Cmd. 2344, H.M. Stationery Office, 1s. 3d. net), which has just been published, is a most useful record of the present position of the territory over which His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Archer presided as Governor-General.

The Late Sir Lee Stack.

Generous tribute is paid to the late Governor-General, Sir Lee Stack, whose career in Cairo rather more than a year ago is still fresh in the public memory. Of his twenty-six years of sterling service, passed mostly in the Sudan, the following inspiring account is given, an account which is in itself a splendid testimony to the ideals behind British administration in the Sudan:

"An unwavering devotion to duty, a keen insight into men and affairs, a clear and analytical judgment, an inexhaustible sympathy and patience, and a very exceptional charm of personality were the outstanding features of his character. Quiet and unostentatious in his work, courteous and thoughtful towards all alike, he won his way by persuasion rather than by force, and shepherded the country through eight difficult years with conspicuous ability and success. His obvious single-mindedness and nobility of purpose gained the confidence and trust of all with whom he came into contact, and the welfare and contentment of the people whose interests he devoted himself heart and soul are living monuments to him."

Finance and Economic Progress.

The report, which tabulates the financial and trade position of the country, refers to the considerable economic progress made during the year, to increased external trade, despite the fact that rain-grown food crops fell rather below the average of previous years. Exceptionally high prices of gum and cotton however, more than compensated for the continued depression in the cattle and sheep trade, and, notwithstanding fluctuations indicated by political agitation, the future of the country is regarded with confidence.

A small scale of economic production is continuing, and the inauguration of the Gezira irrigation scheme will soon be making its greater influence felt. Next year the Government will not, for the first time, have to meet full interest charges on its guaranteed loans out of revenue, but will also receive its share of the proceeds of the cotton produced. With 80,000 acres under cotton during the first season, and the same sown in a number of districts, over three-quarters of a million bales of cotton are expected to be produced during the first year. The Sudan Government is prepared for much less favourable results than these. A special reserve fund, now standing at £10,000, has been built up to meet possible deficits during the first weeks of working, and an assurance fund against possible disasters such as burst banks.

Experiments with rain-grown cotton in every province where economic production seemed possible have also proved most encouraging, and the ultimate prospects are described as of the utmost importance. If the southern provinces, and as the Nuba Mountains, Upper Nile, Wondiwoi, Bahari, Gharaz, can only be brought into production by this means of paying for their own administration, the whole financial position of the Sudan will be substantially altered.

Trade Progress.

External trade, which was £19,301,000 in 1923, jumped to £29,301,000, or an increase of rather more than 25%—or more than 5% over the 1923 figure. This improvement was naturally mainly due to the large increase in the value of cotton exported, which accounted for an added £1,000,000, thus more than offsetting the increase of £1,551,75 in the value of public imports. The main increases in this latter category were in machinery, iron and steel ware, coffee, tobacco, cigarettes, flour, sacks, tea, and petroleum. In exports the principal increases were in cotton, cotton seed, groundnuts, and millet.

Of the imports Great Britain supplied 30%, representing £11,648,000, and total exports to the value of £E2,173,342, or 16.1%, practically the whole of the cotton and seed exported finding its way to England. Egypt's share of imports was 32%, while exports to that country represented 14%. Japan's trade was largely in cotton piece goods, the supply, which was valued at £E289,602, this amounting to nearly 26% of the total imports of cotton piece goods. Small increases in trade with Uganda and the Belgian Congo are noted, that with Abyssinia decreasing substantially from £E79,603 to £E372,277.

Introducing New Capital.

Two of the most important developments of the year were (a) The guaranteed loan of £500,000 to meet special development expenditure on railway rolling stock, and on the extension aqueduct at Port Sudan and on pipe lines for the supply of fresh water to that port; (b) the constitution of the Sudan Life Assurance Co., the English Electric Co., Docks and Long and Co., and Callendar's Cable Co., to take over and manage on behalf of the Government the existing water works, electricity, and ice supply works, steam tramways, and ferries in Khartoum, Khartoum North and Omdurman. The Company will also furnish machinery extensions of the above, for electrifying the tramway system, and for the provision of a bridge between Khartoum and Omdurman.

The Railways.

The question of railway connection with the Sudan, either eastwards across the rain-grown cotton belt eastwards to the El-Obeid Canal or southwards from Kassala, is reported to be under careful investigation, while experiments in the development of transport of goods by road over the plain made by the authorities.

The Railways and Steamers Department had a very busy financial year, the income of the year amounting being £1,200,000.

As regards the broad gauge line, 1,000 miles being laid, the cost was considerably less than in the previous corresponding period. Total production in rates of £ per ton mile for 1923 was £365, as compared with £1,031, in 1922 and £1,031 in the last pre-war year. Comparison is made with the much higher average rates of the Uganda and Nigerian Railways, that of the former being quoted as £135d. in 1922. The laying of 1,172 miles of the Kassala branch in seven months is recalled. The General Manager paying tribute to the skilful organisation of the chief engineer and his staff.

Port Sudan.

The need for improved facilities at Port Sudan is emphasised, it being pointed out that the construction of two new dredging berths is up-to-date con-

transporters and the extension of the main quays in order to provide five full berths for shipping wheat. At present the handling of cargoes has still further extensions are recognised to be necessary in the near future. 600 vessels entered the port, as compared with 609 in 1923; the total quantity of cargo landed and shipped, including bunker coal, amounted to 2,612,26 tons. As the length of the existing quays at the port is 2,050 feet, the above figure represents 33 tons per foot run of quay length, against an estimated efficient maximum of 200 tons per foot run. Exports shipped totalled 101,283 tons, compared with 100,583 tons in the previous year, an increase of nearly 7%.

THE WAR AGAINST MALARIA

Sir RONALD ROSS IN CEYLON

ONE of the primary objects in the founding of the Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases, 100, Putney Heath, S.W.15, was to arouse Empire interest in a relentless war against malaria, for possibly there is no disease to-day causing more suffering and financial loss than malaria. Though it is more than twenty-five years since Sir Ronald Ross made the discovery of the malaria parasite, and though the successful application of his discovery has resulted certain triumphs over the disease, results to what they were at one time, proportionately little progress has really been made throughout tropical and semi-tropical countries generally.

Sir Ronald, in a recent address to members of the Ceylon Association, therefore proposed a scheme calling for the co-operation of all plantation companies, believing it should be possible within a short time to drive malaria right out of Ceylon. In certain parts of Malaya, Southern India and Assam, a number of plantation companies are dealing effectively with the disease. If Sir Ronald Ross's mission succeeds, it will be a question not of small areas but of the whole country being cleansed.

It is the intention of group plantation companies to form a central committee which will carry out methods of measures, as far as the extent as peculiar to his particular group, and report from time to time to a central committee. Every facility will be given to individuals to combat the disease. Sir Ronald Ross is Director-in-Chief of the new Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases and it is hoped that he and will create world-wide interest in the urgent need of driving malaria out of tropical diseases.

GENERAL FREIRE D'ANDRADE'S MOZAMBIQUE ADMINISTRATION

PROTESTS against inefficient administration have been received from numerous and prominent Portuguese colonists in Mozambique, cables the Lisbon correspondent of the *Morning Post*, who continues:

The *Diário de Notícias* recently published an article from the pen of the distinguished colonial General Freire d'Andrade, which, though the author of not glibly repeating the customary accusations against Portugal's allies or enemies, but of quietly pointing out that the situation is due to the mismanagement of the Portuguese themselves, and therefore, even at the eleventh hour, for the situation is now "far more difficult than it was a few years ago," admits of remedy at their hands if they so choose.

"The dangers to our colonies," says General Freire d'Andrade, "are real if we continue to administer the colonies badly; but we can easily remove these dangers if we alter our methods." It is not, he continues, in public demonstrations and inflamed speeches that the remedy will be found. General Freire d'Andrade mentions no names, but his points out as the chief cause of the actual situation "the disastrous influence of politics on the administration of the colonies." It is this interference which "sends out to the colonies officials who are useless and often incompetent."

The administrative and financial independence granted to the High Commissioners (chosen by party politics in Lisbon), without any responsibility for their acts, has resulted, he avers, in financial ruin and administrative chaos. The financial crisis is turning against the Malaria Country our fellow-countrymen in the colonies." The only remedy he sees is to send out a financial expert with full powers.

In the introduction of foreign capital into the colonies, the fall of the value of the currency, and quotes the words, dated 1892, of former Portuguese administrator of Mozambique: "There is every advantage in attracting foreign capital to our colonies; it may even succeed in bringing Portuguese capital in its train." To shut the doors of the colonies against foreign capital, says General Freire d'Andrade thirty-five years later, inevitably invites disaster. It is the voice of a man who, in his opinion, has seen the handwriting on the wall.

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PERSONALIA

Lord Cranworth is shortly expected back from his visit to Kenya.

Major the Hon. R. T. Graham Murray has left England for Beira.

Capt. W. Evans, the well-known Nakuru land-owner and settler, is on his way back to Kenya.

Lady Kylsant is making good progress after her recent operation, but is still confined to her room.

Mr. Marius Maxwell, whose wonderful camera studies of elephant and other East African big game animals' delight in the last issue, will be back from the South of France next week.

Sir James and Lady Currie, Major and Lady Margaret Loder, Sir Edgar Bonham Carter and the Hon. Lady Lloyd Mostyn are all outward bound for Port Sudan by the "Llanstephan Castle."

A dinner was given last week by the directors of the Standard Oil Company, Ltd., to Mr. Malcolm B. Cadogan, the company manager, who is now on the way back to Africa to resume operations in the Victoria Nyanza district of Tanganyika.

Among the well-known passengers now en route to Kenya are Sir George Noble, Lieut. Colonel M. F. Mason, Dr. H. J. Duke, Colonel G. F. Phillips, Colonel W. A. Walker, Mr. T. C. Eason, General Colonel R. H. St. Maur, the Hon. H. C. Wilson, Hon. Alexander McDonnell, and Mr. M. D. Howell.

According to the Nairobi Correspondent of the Daily Mail, King George V recently had a narrow escape from death at the hands of an assassin. He was attacked by one of his subjects, armed with a spear, and was saved from injury only by prompt action on the part of some of his servants, who came to their king's help, and captured the assailant. The assassin and the doorkeeper who admitted the man have been sentenced to one year in prison with hard labour.

We regret to have to report that on Saturday, while Sir Philip and Lady Wigham were opening a new theatre at Walton-on-Thames, their residence, Aldenholme, Weybridge, caught fire, being subsequently burnt out. Many valuable pictures and Sir Philip's collection of articles acquired during his travels in many lands were destroyed, and only the bare walls of the house remain. Sir Philip Wigham Richardson, M.A., returned from his visit to Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, and the Sudan only a few days ago.

It is authoritatively announced that the Prince of Wales will include Kenya in his tour of Africa. The visit to East Africa can, however, only be expected for some considerable time.

Speaking in the House of Commons on the supplementary vote of £1,000, the liability of the Government states for the British Empire exhibition, Mr. Thomas stated that the Dominions and Colonies which took part in the Exhibition had all without a single exception informed him that they were well satisfied with the benefits derived by the trade and commerce of their particular countries and by the Empire as a whole. If the commission of inquiry which had been suggested was to be granted, he felt that it should not be a pettifogging commission which might damage the spirit behind Wembley. Britain should be as big as the Colonies and Dominions had proved themselves to be.

Sir Halford Mackinder, President of the Imperial Economic Committee, whose East African interests are well known, has written to the Press urging his view that the Briton who purchases an Empire article is not merely being patriotic but is doing every good business for himself. He adds the hope that the campaign for the purchase of Empire goods will not cease at Christmas, but that everyone will add to his or her New Year resolutions the determination to demand British goods, wherever they are available. By strengthening the Dominions in that fashion we would immediately increase employment at home, and also establish a reserve for our race and civilisation against the unbroken concatenations of the future.

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A PIONEER'S REMINISCENCES.

Archdeacon Johnson's Early Days.

ARCHDEACON W. P. JOHNSON of Nyasa, one of the pioneer missionaries who did so much to open up Central Africa to European influence, is not the man to talk much of his achievements, and in "My African Reminiscences, 1875-1895" (Universities Mission to Central Africa, 4s net), one has to turn to the introduction by Bishop Hine and to Dr. Lock's Latin speech, published as an appendix, to find anything like definite statements on the wonderful work done by the author.

He does not dwell on his own perils and achievements. Where he does refer to them, the incidents are narrated so simply and with such complete absence of pride in their performance that he might be speaking of something that has happened to everyone at some time or another. Yet it is half a century since this now crippled and half-blind but still cheery and unwearied worker, who has struck his College boat to the head of the river, abandoned his intention of entering the Indian Civil Service because the Universities' Mission had called for volunteers,

Dr. Lock, Warden of Keble College, who introduced the venerable Archdeacon when his old University conferred upon him the degree of D.D. (honoris causa), has thus described our author: "When he preached the Gospel how many a native rebelled! He ended feuds, reconciled enemies at war, improved the condition of women, founded schools, educated boys, laid out gardens, built the houses of the natives, and

the boat when built. He had to travel the districts hitherto untrodden by man, swampy morasses, virgin forests. Birds of prey howled about him; enemies hovered on every side, threatening his life, now with treachery, now with open assault. Sickness impaired his strength, mosquitoes turned scars into festering sores. Through journeys through the heart of Africa he has not brought back a body unsullied; for one eye is sightless. Whatever he undertook he made up his mind to perform; whereat he had to go he insisted on going. Vigorous, active, undismayed, often in great danger, he was inspired with a strong desire to do what he has done towards exploring the country. His significance attested by the medal which the Geographical Society voted to him. Students of language and grammar are still more inclined to him, because the people who speak Chwyanza owe as much to William Johnson as those who speak Swahili owe to another Oxford man, Arthur Madan. Here is the name given to him by the Natives, the name he is known by now:

"The Englishman who has come to us. It is difficult to find words to express his simplicity, so modest and impersonal. Here and there his fearlessness, cheerfulness and humour in the face of difficulty and danger peep out in spite of himself, but, on every conceivable occasion, Archdeacon Johnson transfers credit for things great and small to his companions European or Native. The remainder on the wrapper that for nearly fifty years he has been an unswerving figure in the mission field is necessary, and it is legitimate that his book tells a remarkable and fascinating story in but the bare truth. The law page at which the volume is issued seems to indicate that the Mission is in a considerable safe, and we trust a valuable addition. Anyone who has known Archdeacon Johnson, Bishops Steere, Mafes, Hornby or Smythies, Sir Lewis, Mr. John More, Sir Harry Johnston, Sir Frederick Engard and many another stalwart East

African pioneer will delight in these pages, which with a very sure yet simple touch, the personality of these men is painted. There is self-denying McPhee, who walked barefoot to save shoe leather, did conjuring tricks until his Native audience shrank away in fear, and was undismayed by the threatening attitude of Native raiders. Capt. Engard, described by our author as a real knight of old, who, in an enthusiastic discussion on the moral aspect of suppressing slavery, is interrupted by a companion with the words, "I suppose you mean getting your names up"; and who, quietly smiling, says, "Yes, if you like to put it so"; Dr. Laws, to whom Archdeacon Johnson owes his very life, and who, whenever he read how St. Paul had been in peril of robbers, imagined that at least one robber had been in peril of St. Paul; Sir Harry Johnston, who handed over the island of Likoma to the Mission, and whose interesting and vivacious conversation is recalled; Capt. Maguire, who, when told by two headmen that they had no porters, looked hard at them, and replied, "I see two here"; Bishop Hornby, who, despite poor health, went about singing, and recommended those about him to read books like "Jorrocks" and "the like natural Englishmen"; and the Roman Catholic Bishop at Zanzibar who thought his staff had better play billiards in the evening.

Archdeacon Johnson tells us a good deal about the slave trade with which he was brought into the closest possible touch, once indeed he was travelling on an Arab dhow which was boarded by a man-o-war's boat under the impression that they were slaves. It was on Christmas Eve and an officer threw a bottle of port which the clumsy servant promptly smashed. Elsewhere he tells us of a skipper of a slave boat on strike, because a chief had not paid him enough! He will not allow the reader to think that slaves usually presented a woe-begone appearance when met in a caravan; on the contrary, it was their habit to put as brave a face as possible on things, and rarely was there any sign of fear or exhibition of grief, and there is a warning against misinterpreting the significance of this cheerfulness, which is likened to that of a brave soldier in hospital.

It was in 1875 that he first came to the country, and we see Bishop Steere building the church room at Zanzibar with slave labour and Archdeacon Johnson scheming with a Native to buy a slave for a British subject he would have been liable to penal servitude had he bought him himself; and for this that the redemption money was provided by a Cambridge rowing eight.

The writer, not liking to leave people under false impressions, adds that he has not seen the Natives have done any amissness, for instance, Maroy and the small tribe first worked on own steamer at Lake Nyasa were Christians and the missionaries were reluctant to reach them by compulsion, which seemed too much like parade service. He also says that, while Europeans teach Natives to work, yet very often the last thing we can do by the work we give them is to teach them the nobility of work everywhere. The Native back from work at a distance is so far like a sailor on shore that he will not attempt to do any more work till his money has gone, while he is unlike a sailor in not seeing any connection between the work he has been doing and the man's welfare and the welfare of his tribe. And we see the recruitment of labour. Their first question is "Where are we going?"; the second, "For how long is it?"; the third, "What sort of work is it?"; and only at the end, and with less interest, "How much shall we get?"

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Mr. F. Ratcliffe Holmes' Book.

MR. F. RATCLIFFE HOLMES' first book, "Through Wildest Africa," bears the subtitle, "A Story of Travel," one which does it less than justice from the East African standpoint, though it will no doubt serve its purpose for the home public. The book, which Mr. Geoffrey Blis publishes at 16s. (instead of the 21s. usually charged for such works), will appeal not only to the home reader of travel works, but also to the East African settler who wants more than a narrative of events which are commonplace to him. And why not? Unhappily, it is tired of the amateurs who set out to tell the world all about Africa after an acquaintance of only a few months.

In this story of travel—by the man whose film "Kilimanjaro" is to the reviewer the finest example of African natural cinematography, yet shown—an inquiring mind and keen observation lead to most interesting deductions on the habits of big game. The writer points out that the man who does his shooting with a camera is far better placed to study the real intricacies of the lebens of the wild than he who shoots with a rifle, and that fact, plus the manner of his writing, ought to gain him a large East African public.

On the theories of natural colour protection, of the powers of animal hearing and sight, of the striking habits of big game, of their powers of camouflaging, information and thoughts come to mind, so much to say, some of it frankly controversial, but never without the support of actual happening. Admitting the peculiar markings of certain animals may, in surroundings of an equally peculiar nature, cause them to be almost invisible at a distance, the author claims that a goat in a red coat standing beside a pillar-box or a donkey-head on to a hayrick would be no more and no less invisible. The true test, he claims with reason, is whether certain markings actually camouflage animals in the places in which they are commonly found. Giraffes are often instanced in support of the theory, but to the author's mind, on the moors with the sun on him, as conspicuous as a patchwork pattern in a cricket field.

What has he asked for in return? Protection from this protection? When the Maasai were still savages, modern man and modern arms did not come into the argument, and primitive man could do harm at only such short range that the finest camouflage imaginable would have been useless; but if, it is suggested that the supposed colour protection was designed as an aid against the greater carnivore, the whole argument collapses, for the sunnier season, the greater heat, and in the full moon, the day, but the night, the darkness, and darkness of savages they must make a screen and not by sight. The author gives the subject at length in one of the most fascinating chapters in the book.

Equally interesting is the account of the eyesight and hearing of Africa's fauna. With the exception of baboons, Mr. Ratcliffe Holmes claims that animal sight is not only entirely different from that of human beings, but, in certain circumstances quite inferior to it, and that their hearing, so far as definite information is concerned, is far from remarkable and is acted upon only when confirmed by one of the other senses. To illustrate his conclusions he gives a number of experiments made with white film, and some of such close range as to be extraordinary.

That animals drink only at dawn and dusk, he attributes to the rest of man, for in the heart of the

wilds he has found them to do so. What they happen to be gorging is a matter of indifference; one little animal picture did he take, the best results being secured between six a.m. and 3 p.m. But animals have a language, or at any rate the power to convey definite information. He is really a confidant, again lacking his opinion with a number of instances.

The author, a close student of animal life, is an equally obvious lover of natural history, who has the gift of conveying vividly to his readers some of the most beautiful East African scenes stamped upon his memory. The ice-cep of Kilimanjaro he sees as a shimmering, dazzling jewel, reflecting and reflecting the light from the moon's rays. Ol Donyo Lenai stands out as a cone of rock, black rocks down the sides of which red blood was flowing only a few years ago, carving great gulches and now lying at its foot in what from a distance seem to be black lakes; at dawn he finds it a thing of such entralling beauty that he cannot draw himself away until the sun is high in the heavens. The country of the Wamburu seems to him an elan land among the clouds, a land of long, rolling hills, covered with verdant pasture, broken by tiny woodlands, watered by tumbling streams, shrouded in swirling mists, kissed by soft breezes, and inhabited by a people as unique as the land in which they live.

He possesses also the power of crisp description. For instance, he labels vultures "Nature's Sanitary Corps," and he describes the last, slow, silent rush of a wounded lion as similar to and as fast as that of a cat at a bird. Of a day's safari he says that you start at dawn if you are wise, about midday if you are lucky, and a good deal later if you are not. Upon he finds with as many witch-doctors as there are specialists in Harley Street, while a Political Officer in East Africa—and the book is gracefully dedicated to officers of the Colonial service—needs, he says, the patience of a saint, the craft of a poet, and the wisdom of a Solomon.

And, finally, savagery claim much to his thoughts, but the author is by no means a misanthrope. The country of the Maasai, he claims, offers a picture of the malice of man, but the savages themselves he several times proves to be, particularly when they are crossing a swollen torrent—the fording of which he frankly confesses frightened him more than anything else in his life. Yet his following, each carrying 50 lb. or 60 lb., loads, got across in less than an hour without wetting a single parcel, and bearing with them the camera man, who was ill-used to start.

It is a book that bears witness to the singular training of the author, his nerves, his physical fitness, his knowledge of every kind of animal, and his love of the wild. Every reader will find much interest in it, and need not fear that the reading is above his comprehension. "Through Wildest Africa" ought to leave many booksellers' shelves this Christmas tide.

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HAVASH.

For his services on the Abyssinian front Major W. Lloyd-Jones, the author of " Havash," (Arrowmith £2), was rewarded with the D.S.O. Strange neglect on the part of the military authorities in Kenya after he had been previously wounded, and disillusionment and spite from the authorities in Whitehall for having dared to fight to protect those whom the British Government had not only promised to protect, but had also taxed for the privilege of being protected!

The volume makes a superb, readable record of soldiering on the northern frontier of Kenya, the last few chapters being particularly exciting. They tell of a short, sharp action with Abyssinian marauders, the severe wounding of the author and a forty-three day journey back to civilisation—a journey that was a nightmare made hideous by pain, the combination of exhaustion, the fear of madness, and absolute dependence on a score of raw Abyssinian recruits of the K.A.R.s. There is no self-pity or remorse in the story. It is just the plain straightforward statement of a soldier.

When he is the soldier, as far as most of his pages Major Lloyd-Jones carries us with him; but when he discusses political-economic matters we do not feel that he is always on safe or reliable ground. He thinks Kenya will never be a millionaire country, and suggests that

after his flying visits in Mombasa and Commissariat, setting forth with pre-conceived ideas, any carefully-knit report can only repeat them. I am afraid, however, that even if one could fully credit the Report of the Mombasa Commission with that, Major Lloyd-Jones and his colleagues discarded preconceptions, and saw and heard a great deal more than some people wanted them to see and hear. Least of all, they have brought East Africa to the notice of the British public, have stimulated it to interest, and by their truculence, and have procured the immediate downfall of the Government.

Edited from "Havash."

The run from Nairobi to Eldoret is one of the most interesting parts we have seen. It is a sort of wild, wild, wild country, and it literally takes you through the heart of the world's wildest Nature.

We marched into the little settlement there—now as Plot 64, which was designed for the future capital and which is, I believe, to-day the flourishing township of Eldoret. It consisted then of a mud grass-thatched house for the Commissioner and a couple of isolated iron shanties

used as stores. Sergoi consisted of a few houses kept by a Mr. Foley, one of a family who had done much in opening up the Uasin Gishu plateau.

I was more or less marooned in the heart of Africa for an indefinite period with some sixty Abyssinians. I was reckoned, however, without Mr. Brandenbach Bammer, the assistant surgeon, who approached me looking very woebegone and informed me: "This is awful country sir, no place, no anything. I am many times a grandfather and do not know what insatiable company will say now and tomorrow to demand to be paid."

The march up to Solio was through delightful country, reminding me of parts of Sussex near the Downs, well wooded and intersected by running streams.

The first portion of our route led us to the foot of the Aberdare Mountains. It was through delightful, rolling country with plenty of wood and many streams. Indeed, Western Kenya is perhaps the most delectable land in all Africa.

I have been told that Stigero's name was "He who looks behind for the right now to the left." He was the hero of most of the young officers of the K.A.R., and like Captain Adymer, also killed on the frontier, was utterly fearless.

AFRICAN MINES.

"AFRICAN MINES," forming marks the thirteenth edition of the "African Handbook," historical, industrial and mineral, which, though mainly devoted to Rhodesia, South Africa, and West Africa, has a useful section dealing with Central Africa, and some forty pages reviewing general conditions in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika. To anyone interested in African mining, this volume, which is published at £1 10s. net, will be of the greatest use.

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EARLY LETTERS FROM UGANDA.

SIR T. COOMYR-KOATTI, who gives us his memories and musings in "By Mail and Messenger" (Constable and Co., £3 10s. net), recalls his days in Kenya and Uganda in a number of letters written from Mombasa and Estebbe. Mombasa he found a ramshackle reminder of a cheap stage setting, where everything appeared to have been run up in a hurry, and that for an amateur performance. For the white male, which he takes up country he has a canvas suit made as a protection against flies.

Several times in these letters—which are addressed to the lady who afterwards became his wife—the author, who had his share of illness and privation, suggests that a really splendid girl would be a small bun-chom pudding, or a tin of biscuits or jam. The home reader will not fathom the thought, which was deeply felt by many an East African who is in the ordinary way quite indifferent to food.

In his volume of recollection who have drawn models for East Africa? For instance—

"I shall meet Belgrave on my way to Lake Victoria, now remember his mother who used to entertain at her beautiful house in Carlton Terrace, when big game shooting. Also John Ponsonby of the Guards who is in the Uganda Rifles."

The older men agreed that Portal was a great God and that Pulteney and Villiers were almost as wonderful. Very brave very strict men who gave plenty of looks and that's recalled twenty years after General Portal's expedition.

"You remember Villiers of the Blues, Villa, I imagine he came to Uganda because he was of that."

"Very good looking man, tall, thin, with a fine face."

"Talless One," and so on.

There is an amazing account of the character of character. One servant claims that his master is most wonderful because he carries all the town out in a bunch and puts them back again. To an old Negroe that is a small trifling. All the old stories of his master's head. "The old Negroe grows up in the cool of the evening, and when it begins to rain, small down comes, but when it goes away, as fast as lightning, who could believe him to be the old Negroe?" And another after a hunting trip, "He is all oil and fat and used to be a pinhead." The old Negroe's servant, however, has a different opinion.

"That old Negroe is a real man, and when he wants to go to sleep, he goes to bed without a candle or table."

But there is pathos as well as entertainment in these few East African chapters. The author has to bury a close colleague who had been in Uganda only a few months. Just before leaving home he had married a girl scarcely twenty years of age, who was on her way out to him. In the fitness of his affection he had built for her a house modelled as far as possible on other English

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home. Windows were the bane of the author, of course, they had no glass so he had to make with paper, painting imitation blinds with tassels. "I hope," he said, "that she will arrive at night, for then it does not look so bad with a lot of burning. Do you think she will be pleased? She will be homesick, I know. She never saw him again, awaiting her in the depths of Central Africa were only a grave and a packet of her own unopened letters that he had been too ill to read.

There are scarcely forty pages of those East African letters in the volume, and they make us wish there had been many more.

FRANCIS COLLARD.

FRANCIS COLLARD was a great missionary and was a tremendous power for good. The life of him, "François Collard," Edward Spike's "Great Christian Movement," £1 10s. net, is, however, a poor tribute to the man, for it will appeal neither to the lay reader nor to the broad-minded minister. We know that the early missionaries were men of bravery and perseverance, that they had much to endure, and went through much hardship for results that were often disappointing, but to endeavour to place them in a class far above their brother men is absurd and is the last thing which the best of them would desire. In the Africa of those days there were as brave men outside the missions as in them. Those who have read "Collard of the Zambezi" will, I fear, find the present work's "great disappointments." An outstanding man like Collard does not necessarily bolster up sentimentalism, in fact it spoils the true picture of life. Amongst the laity, Collard's name is to this day one to connote with.

THE LANGUAGES OF AFRICA.

We have received from Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co. the new edition of Professor Alice Walker's "Language Families of Africa" (2s. 6d. net). It is a little book which, as Sir E. Denison Ross says in his preface, can be recommended to all interested in the history and development of human speech. It is a valuable source of information, especially in regard to linguistic frontiers, and to the history of language.

Interest in the Balkans has been growing, and in particular interest East Africans, who will profit by them more than philologists. Take the writer's remarks on the phrase "the sons of Ham." The sons of Japheth are said to have been Irish, Magrath, Phut and Canaan. Phut is the name for Egypt, still called Misr by the Arabes. Canaan has been identified with various countries, the Red Sea, and Phut may be the name of Asia Minor, we know.

It is interesting to note that the Semitic, Hamitic and Semitic languages of the African continent, a useful appendix.

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OUR KENYA LETTER

From Our Own Correspondent

Saturday November 10, 1925

Kenya has had a year of the usual trials, but on the most remarkable feature long-hisitory Kenya, and on all that name is beginning to stand for, as the embodiment of tropical development by means of a period of expansion of our own race. In sympathetic economic co-operation with the local tribes to whom we are showing the road to civilisation one weakness has been the food shortage of the mining towns, which is already causing the death of numerous natives and is not likely to be overcome up to the Trans-Nile by ex-soldier settlement a few years ago. If this present scarcity has occurred now five short years back, it must have resulted in the death of drought has in previous generations here—scores of thousands of men, women, and children. The first settlers to come up to the district were Maasai who stand nearly thirty years ago, the railway was built at a time of scarcity so far as this promises to be of the areas which comprise the heart of the colony, and they saw the day coming about to clear away.

Today, thanks to the great development in maize and wheat growing taking place under vigorous supervision and organisation in the interior, and the rich well-watered provinces beyond the Tana, several thousand buffaloes, cattle, and camels, even a mere rain fall in the early rains of 1926 in dry districts, will not be one of the main causes.

Indeed, if the true position of the country by settlers of our own race comes to the indigenous inhabitants, and all the vapourings about self-determination, saving the land for its real owners, growth, political and national consciousness—that also many chief bodies are intent upon creating in order to checkmate the colonial administration the pioneers of their own race—on the one hand, there is no room for the apprehension of which there is no room, are all now incorporated with the former kind which exists because of the former African from the moment of his own arrival, and of his presence.

The Session.

The Legislative Council has been in Committee all this week and the public has therefore been excluded. One hears rumours however, that the two demands for fresh taxation are being considered, notwithstanding that the obstructive tactics of the upholders of the status quo have hindered much progress in the session, and that the committee on which the bill was introduced by the colonial members, in their search for some wrong perpetrated by their community by the dominant white man, have discovered what appeared to be a remarkably good opening in the decline of Asiatic cattle and rodents on the frontier line. They therefore took up this subject and bewailed one after another the losses sustained in Africa obtained on our East African roads. On the 20th omnibus eye of the General Manager had not overlooked the subject, and when he arose to reply he explained that a census had been taken over a definite period to discover how much waste land made up the African grazing areas which did not form our principal stations, while two million had not been used of all the other two had been entered since

each! To whom this record he had research kept for a similar period, and that this second census were not for the same reason as the former. This was dispelled all enthusiasm for spending a few thousand pounds on erecting more than unwanted living places for Asiatics, and down the line, when the Indian members abandoned the project and looked in other directions for justice.

Those Callant Fusiliers

All day Saturday was reserved at Nairobi's cathedral for the unveiling, at noon, of the tablet to the fallen Maasai, in memory of the valiant non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Engineers (23rd Battalion) who fell in the Natives' Unrest service, and in the subsequent East Africa campaign. Our Edwardian era is famed for its many and spectacularly daring, bold, and intimate knowledge of persons among those present, who knew the first in the history of an army found it difficult to realise the bad day recently come to the Colony. In his speech and pamphlet speech on these bombing nights, who had so far to do with keeping the Germans out of Africa and winning Tanganyika, the commandant of the British East Africa, now happily in the British Army, is the one member of the band of heroes whose doings are not only the best known, but also the ones which have drawn more attention of wounded than any other, the wounded on the front being as yet dead. These valiant and honoured.

There is a lamented absence of the third gap has been some long-awaited, a fine amalgamation of the theatre royal, which is now open to the old and famous and right in the centre of the busiest part of Nairobi overlooking the scene, has now become a new meeting place for Nairobi's business men. Playing on the first floor especially, the splendid balcony, as well as the premises below, is a veritable picture of the best in the world, while the rest of the building is a space where people can sit and talk, or have a glass of beer for a beginning.

And one day last week all the members of the Legislative Council were invited to lunch in the new premises. A number accepted the invitation and were well entertained by the chairman, Mr. M. G. G. G.

Bad-Liver Oil.

Such a short reprieve will be had from the gloom of the year, that a few days ago the author of this forecasted the end of the year in the following words:

"An splendid alternative field of employment for this horrible medicinal food is to smear it on the backs of animals afflicted with the dangerous diseases of any description. It appears that when they reach it the beasts fall back and eventually preferring death to meat mixed with the revolting fluid which paroxysm have been in the habit of forcing down the throats of their naturally resolute innocent offspring. The general feeling amongst the children and youth of Kenya is, I gather, that all stocks of this objectionable nutriment should be forthwith handed over to the Veterinary Department, or used in the East African Fever District or in those afflicted with rascism."

KENYA

The cable at the Kenyatta
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Native Affairs Report.

This highly interesting document has just been issued to the Press and shows an excellent year's progress. The last twelve months have been notable for good seasons and general contentment, and nearly every tribe has a record of material and mental advancement to show. The progress may be small in some cases, but, according to the officials whose season it is to watch these things, it is nevertheless clearly discernible. One point crops up with monotonous regularity in almost every statement on the detailed official description of the condition of a tribe—a point variously described as conservatism, apathy, improvidence or carelessness. But by whatever name it may be called, it refers to that failing of those African officials perpetuated by the policy of colonial times together with laziness and preventing their regeneration by decent white settlers.

In the intelligent onlooker with no axe to grind it is clear that all these reserves would become amply self-supporting, and the Natives educated far more rapidly if a good type of practical white man were introduced to them on a livelihood-training basis. Co-operation, co-partnership methods would be preferable to mere wage-employment in the relation of these men with the Natives, but the essential factor is that exemplary white men be encouraged. Thus in the pastoral areas modern stock breeding and cattle-breeding farms should be established, while agricultural areas maize and other grain, cotton or even coffee could be fostered on scientific lines. This would entail perhaps a change in the labour policy of the Colony to free men in labour and the abolition of the existing system of holding Natives back in their reserves but competing with them. This would be of the very greatest value in helping the Natives themselves, and especially in the development of their life.

KENYA AND THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

The Nairobi correspondent of the *Daily Mail* called at the end of last week that in a debate in the Kenya Legislative Council on the financial estimates of the selected districts, a famous reference to an action of the Colonial Office in preventing amalgamation, the Kenya Medical Service, which led to the present termagony and allowing a general transfer of officers, brought the hon. member for Kericho a wagging smile. The speaker was referring to the action taken by the Colonial Office in 1905 against our committee, a subsequently promised by the Colonial Office. The question was referred back to the Colonial Office for further consideration. Lord Delamere thought the action taken was not that of the Colonial Secretary, but of some under-treasurer.

NOTES FROM ARUSHA.

From A Correspondent.

Arusha, Nov.

The rainfall for the month of October at Kigembe Estate, two miles from the town of Arusha, was 10 inches. Good rains also fell throughout the district on November 7 and 10.

The flowering coffee 1926 coffee crop is a good one, though usual and promises a heavy crop. Much of the young coffee in the district will give its first full crop this season and the 1926 export figures should be more than double those of the present year.

Another Correspondent.

A Conference of the Governors of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika is to take place in Nairobi about the 1st of next. His Excellency Sir Donald Cameron will travel from Dar es Salaam via Dodoma, Kondoa Iringa and Arusha, the journey from Dodoma being by car. It is understood that His Excellency will be accompanied by the Director of Public Works of Tanganyika and Mysunder. There are at present various conjectures as to the object of the Conference but nothing definite is known.

EAST AFRICA'S POSTAL SLOGANS.

We are glad to see from the last inward mail that the Post Office Department of Kenya and Uganda has adopted the practice of cancelling the postage stamps on letters with appropriate slogans, which add to the knowledge possessed by many overseas recipients of letters from East Africa.

The first cancellation bearing the new cancellation slogan we read "Kenya" in 1905. In 1916 "Kenya" and we understand that other slogans used are "Kenya Office unblended is real coffee" and "Visit Kenya and Uganda, the land of sunbeams."

A BANK CLERK'S LUCK RECALLED.

BWANA ZEEF writing to the *Editor*, says that possibly the most unusual instance of which records can find in East Africa is the case of a bank clerk.

Given his revolver, the money bag, and the idea that any serpent we shot wild in instead of which he bumped into action, shot it and brought the carcass home unscathed. A few days later while again in search of wild game this nimrod was attacked by a python which he shot and again evaded.

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OUR UGANDA LETTER.

A Record Crop of Cotton Certain.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Kampala, November 9, 1925.

EVERY indication points to our having the best and the biggest crop of cotton which has ever been seen in the country. In all districts glorious weather, weather just suitable for the crop, is reported, and the forwardness of it is extraordinary. The opening of the buying season in the Eastern Province has been fixed for January 4.

Transport has been receiving every attention, and everything which human ingenuity can suggest has been tried in order to further matters as much as possible, and it is only in the matter of railway facilities that we are fearful of mishaps. Let us hope there will not be another such rash as last year for the railway authorities have stated, canonically that they can do nothing unless some sort of prophecy is made as to the amount of traffic there is likely to be. In fact very few knew even approximately what amount of goods they will import for the season, or export either, and certainly no one was certain.

Uganda Planters and the Nile Bridge.

Uganda planters, in communion with the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce, have again petitioned the Government in the matter of the building of the Nile Bridge. That the present ferry service is not only inadequate but out of date is only too well known, but it is recognised by the commercial community that the best is not being made of the existing bridge as it exists. Recently there was a breakdown in the machinery of the ferry, and it was days before that breakdown could be remedied. Should such a thing as this occur in the full swing of the cotton season, it would be the cause of renewed agitation to get the contemplated bridge started almost at any cost. The Government has been asked to have an hourly service at the ferry starting from seven o'clock in the morning.

Asked if they would augment the present service with other boats the Government said they did not think this was necessary, but that they would have no objection to private enterprise being introduced to carry on. Till this bridge over the Nile is built there will be no anything like private communication established between this side of the water and the British Province, and it is evident that the

AMERICA FOR THE CONGO.

Dr. and Mrs. Heller, who are our here representing American Museums, have left Uganda for the Congo. They are accompanied by Mr. Chorley, a local hunter and cinema man, who takes with him a cinema camera to impressing hours between whiles. Dr. Heller is one for gorilla principally, thousands of which are to be seen here, despite the statement issued some time ago by Mr. Akeler, another American, who created a passing scare by his claim that gorillas were fast dying out. Mr. Barnes, besides the writer of these notes, denied this statement on the spot, and now we have Dr. Heller's authority for asserting that he has himself seen hordes upon hordes of gorilla both on this side of the Congo border and on the far side.

PAYING WAGES IN UGANDA.

A KAMPALA reader informs us that the non-official European community of the coming up capital of Uganda is incensed by the way in which Government and municipal authorities pay their workmen on the last day of the month. According to his statement, that day has become almost a holiday for the workmen, whose job is practically only that of drawing their wages. Payment begins early in the day, and those whose names are low on the list lounge around until their turn arrives.

Calculating the average wage at only, say, 20 cents per head per day, and taking 15,000 Natives monthly to be in Government employ, this makes the figure given some time ago by the late Governor, but the number is now thought to be considerably larger—the sum of £10,000 for the month, or a day of leisure amounts to nearly £250, or \$5,000 in the course of the year. The business man who gives us this news describes it as an astounding position, and there would not appear to be any necessity for the day to be taken up in this manner, since, by a business-like allocation of the work, payment among the number of officials, paying out £100,000 monthly, be done even if it were not started until about four o'clock in the afternoon. Commercial enterprises, such as the banks, etc., known as such, are paid regularly between 4 p.m. and dark.

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NOVEMBER 11, Remembrance Day, was celebrated in Zanzibar with fitting ceremonial. A salute of nine rounds fired from the square just before eleven o'clock, the two minutes' silence being observed, and a second salute bringing the ceremony to its conclusion. According to the *Supplement to the Zanzibar Gazette*, it fell heavily throughout the ceremony, but it served to emphasize the solemnity of the occasion. "The pitiless slashing showers, the overcast sky, the distant rumbling of thunder, the sealed thalid, the guard with reversed arms, the bowed heads, the slow pulsation of the roll of the drums, all contributed to form an ineffaceable picture and an unforgettable remembrance."

In the afternoon when bright sunshine had succeeded the rains of the morning, the Peace Memorial was formally opened by the Sultan, who was received by Mr. R. H. Crofton, Chairman of the Committee, Lady Dr. Sparrow, the Curator of the Museum. On arrival His Highness was conducted to the porch where the British Resident was ready to address the company assembled. His Excellency reminded them that it had been decided to erect a permanent Peace Memorial to those who had given their lives in the War, and that all sections of the community had contributed to this Museum, which had been organised in five sections—public health, natural history and zoology, agriculture, Native industries and historical. His Highness the Sultan then dedicated the Peace Memorial Museum, opening the building Bef-el-Anan (The House of Peace).

The *Supplement to the Zanzibar Gazette* says:

"At the entrance to the Memorial are two inscriptions. The first is carved on the wall; on the first is inscribed the line:

"Some of those who live by this stone are said,

"That you who live are worthy of your birth,
These gave their lives that you who live may reap
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1914-1918.

Wana we mafaniki hapa, binu natiwe sidi eni
Kwamba nenzu hafa yaayo za ntaguzi.
Maha wa kufaka, nanyi mizabaki dumili
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We are grateful to a reader for his rendering of the above photograph of the Memorial.

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OUR NYASALAND LETTER

From Our Own Correspondent

LONDON, NOVEMBER 11, 1925.

The results of the labours of the Nyasaland Chamber of Commerce during the past twelve months have been published, and we find that comparatively speaking much has been done towards the improvement both of the country and its trade. The members are a hard-working body of men, and though their work may have nothing spectacular about it there is no question at all about its utility. If only the Chamber were backed unanimously by the various associations in different parts of the country, and so became a strong central body whose opinions could inevitably carry yet more weight, even more might be accomplished.

Ex-Enemies in Tanganyika

No details—except private information—are yet to hand regarding the recent conference presided over by Lord Milner at Lukaya, but there is every reason to believe that this has been very satisfactory. On the other hand, we are dumbfounded at a reader's cable from London that all the existing restrictions regarding the holding of land in Tanganyika by ex-enemies are to be abolished forthwith. I wish I could meet a man who told me, when we were together in hospital in 1916, "What the devil are you fighting for?" I would place this telegram in his hands, and then get out of a shot. And I am sending this on Remembrance Day.

Tobacco Prospects.

Planting out tobacco has now begun in the Limpopo districts, and will before these lines be back the whole country will be completely planted out. I have verified my former estimate that a greater acreage has been put under tobacco than Nyasaland has ever seen before. If only 75% of it is successful we will have a bumper year. The local branch of the Imperial Tobacco Company expects to present us with about £250,000 in taxes (for the first year) on the ploughed (or rather, tilled) (I mean ploughed) of the earth that we have left open door. There will also be considerable public buying and at least two well-known Liverpool brokers have only recently returned home after completing their arrangements.

LAST WORDS FOR THE FUTURE

Nyasaland so far has not had much in the shape of professional entertainments, but we have been duly and satisfactorily supplied with visits from two pages of the East. For adequate remuneration our past and futures have been read, though I personally have contented myself with watching the results of

these Indian soothsayers' words on my fellow men and women. It seems that 99% of our charmed fair sex have two men each in love with them, and that all the men are going to have女士的 fortune. Somehow these two statements clash, but that is only faulty journalism.

It may be arranging therefore to have tickets in the Calcutta Derby Sweep, and every woman is well advised to know what they are doing about it, but men with the idea of going to have good luck and the women having great joy with silent heart broken forever! I find the fortune-tellers actually got the cash. As everyone got something, it should really be a happy interlude. But why didn't all the hard-headed "Bilanciers" remember how to make Khayam better? There they would have found a whole line about the desirability of getting the cash in preference to anything else. But perhaps they think old Omar was nothing on Scotland," as the Americans would say. This is but a prelude to the fact that these gentlemen of Ind will probably be visiting the rest of East Africa for a few days too.

This Week's Fairy Story

There was once an East African Magistrate who admitted that a fellow Magistrate knew something about law and order.

NATIONAL

MR. ARNOTT WOUNDED BY ASKARI.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the *Times* telegraphed that Mr. Arnott, General Manager of the Nyasaland Railways, and Mrs. Whymper, an English lady who lives in the Union, were brutally attacked last night by a native soldier.

Lourenco Marques.

It appears that Mr. Arnott, with three other people, who were staying at the Polana Hotel, Lourenco Marques, went by motor-car to the place where a train was recently wrecked by strikers to see the damage. As they approached the wreck the party were met by a native soldier armed with rifle and fixed bayonet, who appeared to be guarding the

wreck. Finding that they were not permitted to approach the spot were turning back when the soldier rushed at them. A shot knocked him down, with the bullet passing through his head.

Arnott regained his feet and tried to pursue the lady, whenupon the soldier made a hay-net throw, wounding Mr. Arnott in the hand. The party got away in their car. Mr. Arnott is suffering from serious internal injuries. The Portuguese authorities are searching for the soldier who has disappeared.

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EAST AFRICA'S INFORMATION BUREAU.

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Manufacturers wishing to appoint agents, or agents seeking further representation, are invited to communicate with the Editor. No charges made for the service rendered by this Journal in such matters.

Firms in East Africa are invited to give us the address of their London representatives, as we can sometimes find valuable in this way, and Home houses are for the same reason invited to notify us of their agents in East and Central Africa.

The address of the Premier Commercial Corporation Incorporated, 15 next will be 15 and 16, Jewry Street, London, E.C.3.

The Port and Marine Department of the Tanganyika Government has ceased to exist as a separate department and has now become a branch of the railway administration.

Rainfall areas have been ploughed this season in the Mountains, says a Berry correspondent, and that most of those who experimented with cotton last year are returning to it.

During the year 1924/25 motor vehicle licences in Nyasaland amounted to £326 in excess of the estimate, this being attributed by the Treasurer to the importation of more vehicles than had been anticipated.

Local importers in Tanganyika will be interested to learn that a Customs Ruling has been issued allowing an import of 500 bales of raw cotton, duty paid, without ballasting and commercially, at a reduced duty free as raw cotton, but is assessable at 15% ad valorem.

Exports from Nyasaland during the first nine months of the year included tobacco leaf 4,300,477 lb.; tobacco strips 320,204 lb.; tea 1,971,151 lb.; manioc 1,151,522 lbs.; cotton seed 1,000,000 lb.; soap 1,000,000 lb.; stevianthes 1,000 lb.

From reliable information we gather that the exports of cedar slabs from Kenya during the current year amount to some 3,500 cases, of which approximately 3,000 have been shipped to England, and the Continent, the balance being mainly for India. It will thus be seen that the industry is making rapid progress.

In this connection we are reminded that Messrs. F. Chambers and Co., of Stapleford, Notts., are specialising in a 100% British pencil, of which the wood is of Kenya cedar, and that they have been able by a special process to make this wood in all respects equivalent to the best American pencil cedar.

During the first two weeks in November the Government Grader and Inspector received for grading 9,000 bags of maize, 1,000 bags were rejected.

During the first eight months of this year imports into Tanganyika were valued at £1,900,000, as against £1,700,000 in the same period of 1924. Cotton exports from the Mandate during January-August 1925, totalled 49,241 centals, a large increase over last year's figures of 28,237 centals.

Colonel W. H. Franklin, H.M. Trade Commissioner for Eastern Africa, visited Liverpool and Manchester last week attending special meetings of the East African Sections of the Chambers of Commerce. Country damage to cotton was one of the important matters discussed by the Liverpool Chamber.

Exports from Kilindini during the last two weeks for which statistical returns are available included: carbonate of soda, 127,000 bags; cedar slats, 203 cases; coffee, 20,250 bags; cotton, 7,424 bales; flax 600 bales; groundnuts 5,142 bags; hides, 1,670 bundles; maize 30,053 bags; mangrove bark 53 bags; rubber 400 bags; cotton seeds 27,042 bags; sisal 1,490 sales; wattle bark 1,75 bags; wattle extract 502 blocks.

The forthcoming British Industries Fair is assured of success, and, although new up-to-date sections received daily the bookings of floor space for furniture, chemical, sports goods, foodstuff, and clock and watch sections have already eclipsed those of last year. German firms, appreciating the value of the Fair—which promises to be one of the largest Trade Fairs ever held—have applied for permission to exhibit, to learn, however, that genuine British manufacturers are alone permitted to display their goods.

Imports into Nyasaland during the first half of 1925 were as follows: vehicles and parts, £19,170; vehicles and parts, £32,025; apparel, haberdashery and millinery, £2,017; iron, steel and other metal manufactures, £18,300; petrol, £73,104; hemp, jute and raffia manufactures, £13,421; tinned and bottled provisions, £1,701; engineering machinery and implements, £2,268; spirits, 20,014; non-edible oils, 1,000; tobacco, 1,000; railway and tramway rolling stock and materials, 1,511; sugar, 1,418.

During the last week of October and the first week of November, shipping Kenya and Uganda to Kilindini included: agricultural implements 6,000 packages; blankets, 618 bales; cattle and sheep 600 packages; cement, 7,808 packages; coal, 6,287 tons; condiment mills, 56 cases; cotton piece goods, 405 packages; cycles, 174 cases; disinfectants, 317 packages; galvanised sheets, 6,002 packages; industrial and agricultural machinery, 1,237 packages; iron and steel manufactures, 7,512 packages; kerosene, 48,151 cases; lamps and lanterns, 802 cases; motor-spirits, 17,641 cases; motor-vehicles and parts, 515 cases; paints, 500 packages; railway material, 80,357 packages; soap, 1,465 cases; tea, 495 cases; tobacco and cigarettes, 720 cases.

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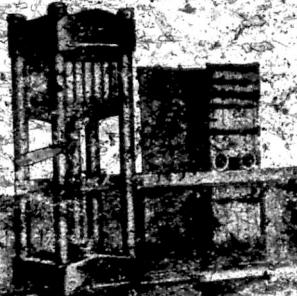
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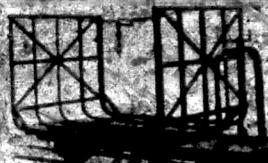
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First size	1185 od
Second size	1020 od to 1050 od
Third size	950 od
Kilimanjaro -	
First size	145 od to 1375 od
Second size	145 od to 1115 od
Third size	105 od to 1150 od
Peaberry	105 od to 1250 od
Ushaka -	
First size	1045 od to 1335 od
Second size	1050 od to 1075 od
Third size	1055 od to 1075 od
Peaberry	1055 od to 1235 od
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but business does not appear to have been done
on this basis.

Gum-nuts—Although the market is firm, no business
is reported in East African decorated, for which sellers
are asking 2/- 22/- apiece. Market value for December/
January shipping is 4/- to 75/- 6d below that figure.

Gum-tarab—No change to report.

Hides and Skins—Liverpool imports during the past
month have totalled 37,575 and have been sold at rates
fully a half a pound per lb. lower. Interest lies heavily
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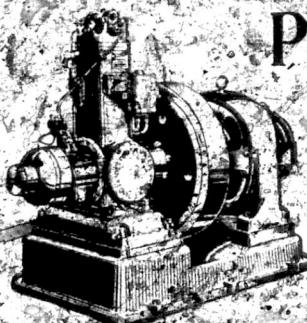
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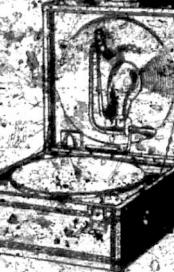
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KHARTOUM-KISUMU AIR PROJECT

BUSINESS MEN ENDORSE CAPTAIN GLADSTONE'S SCHEME

Strong support for the proposed air line to East Africa—operating in bi-monthly stages from Khartoum to Kisumu—was evidenced at a meeting held last Friday at the London Chamber of Commerce. Business spokesmen welcomed the project wholeheartedly, while Government interest was demonstrated by the presence of the Deputy Director of Civil Aviation and by the announcement that an officer of the Air Forces was to be detailed to attend the East African Governors' Conference.

On Friday last Captain T. A. Gladstone, a Director of the Blackburn Aeroplane and Motor Company, Ltd., addressed a special joint meeting of the East and South African sections of the London Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the proposed air service between the Sudan and Victoria Nyanza. Major Sir Charles K. Leggate D.S.O. (Chairman of the East African Section), presided, supported by Mr. James McBride (Chairman of the South African Section), and among those present were the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Denbigh, Lieut.-Col. F. A. F. Edwards (of the Air Ministry), Major A. G. Charch, Col. W. H. Franklin and Mr. A. H. Hooker (Deputy Chairman of the East African Section).

In introducing the lecturer, Sir Humphrey Leggate said that commercial safety and economy in getting from place to place were of the greatest importance in Empire development.

That East Africa realises the importance of faster transport was shown by the fact that the Governors' Conference to be held in Nairobi in January would consider the whole question of air communications. The sympathy of the Imperial Government was demonstrated by the presence at that meeting of Colonel Edwards, Deputy Director of Civil Aviation, who represented Sir Sefton Brancker.

Captain Gladstone, who stated that he was leaving London on his return to Egypt on January 1, in order to attend the meeting of the East African Governors' Conference described his project in detail. His remarks follow:

Summary

This service will run once weekly in each direction from Khartoum to Lake Victoria and the saving of time on the total trip between London and East Africa, using train and steamer to Khartoum and thence by air, will be 10 days.

Even if we choose to sail north from Khartoum to Lake Albert instead of Lake Victoria, the saving of time on the total trip between London and East Africa, using train and steamer to Khartoum and thence by air, will be 8 days.

The loads the machines will be able to carry will be eight passengers and luggage up to about 50 lb. per passenger and 500 lb. weight in mails and goods.

The route will follow the Nubian Shambu, Mongalla, Regal (this place is already well established for communication with Akbar in the Belgian Congo) and we hope by showing a survey to get a 10-day saving thus making the service fit passenger traffic which will be increased on account of its sphere of influence being extended—Lake Albert, Masindi, Jinja, Arua, Kisumu, the various termini of the Uganda Railways.

Advantages of the Service

The advantages of this service are as follows:

Regular weekly communication established with Europe which is not now the case at present.

saving of eight days will be shown. This we consider will be useful from a business point of view in many ways, namely:

(1) Bills of lading will be received before the goods arrive thereby saving a considerable amount of work and money.

(2) Samples will be exchanged rapidly so that a proper trading system can be built up.

(3) Important officials of the companies interested in the development of the East African colonies can rapidly reach their destination instead of wasting their valuable time going by steamer.

The three countries, Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika have a better economic relationship with each other than they do with the rest of East Africa. The railway is again removed from干扰 from a business point of view as far as travel from England in particular is concerned and likely to be built further north. In some years to come we consider that the aeroplane will play a useful part in the general development of these countries.

The very rich eastern side of the Belgian Congo will be more accessible for trade, and also the Sudan will be opened up. (It must not be lost sight of, as well that the route such as this will be the means of saving a considerable number of lives of those who are taken ill in travelling posts, and if not immediately taken to hospital, the aeroplane will be able to do in hours what has usually taken months or even days with the horse and mule teams.)

The cost of travel by air could compare favourably with the cost of going by the usual methods, if the saving of time is taken into account. This is, of course, on the assumption that a suitable aircraft is used. We consider that the fare between Khartoum and Lake Albert would be £60. The present fare to Khartoum by the usual method is £55, making it save £5 by the recognised usual method overland from London.

With regard to the cost of sending mail, we consider that the total cost will be reduced considerably from the £11. mentioned one of the reasons being that the passenger has not to be fed or housed and looked after for the same period, and that a number of our charges are greatly reduced.

The cost of sending mail would be about 3d. per ounce, but none of these figures are definite and we think they can be reduced.

The route has been surveyed from the ground and is practically, as far as we could see, fit for seaplanes. The Governors of the Sudan, Uganda and Kenya have re-estimated and the whole aspect of the situation gone into.

The Present Position of the Project

The figures which we played before them had to be based on certain assumptions which called for a

margins, but it was pointed out that these figures would in all probability be reduced if we had the opportunity of running a trial service. This suggestion was taken up, and both Colony and Uganda sent despatches to the Colonial Office recommending that sanction should be given and that they could support £15,000 each over the scheme. The Uganda authorities have officially informed the Ag. Ministry that they are willing to do the same and we ourselves are placing a similar sum to the fund if required.

The figures which we are practically certain can be improved are those in regard to subsidy required. In our estimate we stated that if half load was carried for the period of one year, the subsidy required to show a return would be £60,000 and if full load was carried £30,000. We hope that after flying over the route, we could reduce the figure of £60,000 to somewhere in the region of £15,000, but we do not expect the figure for full load to be reduced in the same proportion.

The data collected from this experimental service is valuable of value for the year at the least as regards machine behaviour in the tropics, but all other information such as weather and operating conditions would be of far more value, so that if the main service was not started after the experimental service the money spent would in no measure be wasted. This would enable us to reconstruct whole scheme with great accuracy.

The question has now been thoroughly investigated by the Colonial Office, and the Governors of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika have given their unanimous decisions on this subject, at the Conference of Governors' Conference in Kenya, the chief item being to submit a report to the Colonial Office to support the main recommendations.

We may add that the Belgian companies are watching the proceedings with interest, and I have already stated implicitly their willingness to co-operate financially. It may be of interest to know that the Belgians operated with success a fleet of eight three-engined machines in the Congo for passenger

Support by Government and Native Chieftains.

Colonel Edwards advised the meeting of the Uganda Government of the scheme which had been proposed, and said it stood him well with a route only second to that followed by the route 17° 15' S. 30° E. and 17° 30' S. 30° E.

Mr. G. L. Church, who had previously submitted a report on the matter, said that Gladstone's proposals, and his services could be made regular as those of steamships. The postmaster general said that he would use air transport as soon as it became cheaper. That was a vicious circle, for the only way to reduce costs was to extend the use of existing service, thus lowering the very heavy overhead charges. If a rail way company once got into this trap could obviously not get out of it.

Colonel G. L. Church, who was strongly in favour of the proposal, stated that the political party to which he belonged would demand proof—and that proof was not a difficult matter—that the money spent in subsidies of the kind suggested would benefit the Native. He said only £10,000 annually from each of the three territories was proposed at first; it was not a large amount in itself, but it was large in proportion to the sums spent on Native health and Native education.

Questions put by the Meeting.

It also required whether efforts had been made to obtain assurances under the various faculties of and from the several Native governments under Sir Halford Macmillan. What was the attitude of the

insurance companies and hindrances which had been borne in mind? A forced landing in the Lake and Kisumu might be a very dangerous place, as Kisumu which looked very pretty in the sun, was really entirely covered with papyrus through which only two or three narrow channels crested. The great Rift Valley had also features of difficulty when the traffic went to Lake Nyasa the other through Lakes Albert, Edward, Kivu and Tanganyika? Had the possibilities of both routes been considered? He would like information on these points, but it would be a thousand pities if such a scheme as Capt. Gladstone's were not tried with delight. An air line was one of the first essentials for the better trade and the better administration of East Africa.

Mr. Henry Portlock urged that British firms of this stature should not be left to foreigners to work. In 1916-17 a complete scheme for air service in Colombia had been evolved in Great Britain, but no one in this country would adopt it. The Germans had stepped in and built a most successful air transport system entirely from the British plan. If Capt. Gladstone's service could operate on anything like the lines he had described, Mr. Portlock believed that the numbers of passengers carried would be far exceeded. He had been able to visit East Africa only once in ten years because of the time involved in the journey. An air line operating at reasonable cost and with reasonable economy would be of immense value.

Further Questions.

Mr. G. L. Church asked what advice, which would be of great use for postal purposes. To allow sometimes ten days' month for letters to get from Tanganyika to Nairobi. How could co-operation in administration or in commerce be expected to develop under such circumstances?

Mr. G. L. Edwards told the thanks of the South African Section for having been invited to the meeting, expressed his interest in the project and hoped it would come to fruition.

Colonel Edwards added that there was now talk for inserting machines in India, but anticipated that the three engined machines to be used in the service to India would be covered at \$100. Some file caravans of camels already ported from India had been used in the past, and others would probably follow. They had been used in the Levant in times past.

Mr. G. L. Church asked whether there was not plenty clear water in which to land and take off. The Native Railways Board and the Imperial Economic Conference would be approached as soon as the East African territories had definitely shown their practical interest. The view of the insurance companies as to the feasibility of the route was destroyed by the fact that they were prepared to cover the route under these obligations on an uncertain Extreme Alternative, and that was the real reason for their reluctance to go forward.

Resolution of the Meeting.

On the motion of the chairman, it was unanimously resolved that nothing was considered that the linking up of the East African territories with each other and with the United Kingdom by efficient permanent air services would be to the advantage of administration and commerce and would bring in the benefit of the Native populations, that understanding that the subject was to be placed on the agenda of the forthcoming East African Governors' Conference, the business interests represented by the East African sections of the London, Manchester and Liverpool Chambers of Commerce wished to express their strong support of a carefully constructed scheme of this nature; and that copies of the resolution be sent to the Colonial Office for transmission to the Governors' Conference.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BUSH

The Spirit of Festivals

Special Correspondent, EAST AFRICA

Christmas is almost the only Christmas when the mercury stands near the 100° mark as it does in many parts of British Africa at this time of the year, but Britons, like all the bushmen, do their best to keep up a festive celebration. Even the Natives look forward for days to their master's "great day," because is the final rendering of the white man's holida

The master, whether trader, policeman or official, who has a neighbour within twenty or thirty miles, spends Christmas alone if it can possibly be avoided. Though he should be away on his farm, Remington's Xmas Eve is spent in a half-holiday's savor to old bony, who has threatened all sorts of terrible consequences if one of the slaves' masters do not turn his little bungalow into a rowdy hotel for a couple of days.

Long before midnight of the twenty-fourth, the slave is abed, for the morrow brings serious business. They are sure of the first streaks of dawn, glimmer in the sky, and before long they are moving back and forth for a shot. A man's thoughts turn to his master, the Briton in the wilds, seeks his master with his soul.

It is a scene well known when the happy master returns to his home, and indeed the hearts of their slaves are unchanged down a finer inheritance of a hundred years past. And a simple bowl of fish soup is the master's token, as a complement to which the master has promised to slay his sheep and three goats for his slaves' "Good Friday" visit with the holidays.

The day dawns, and boxes are prepared for baths soon after sunrise. Then comes the roast, slaking the morning's prostration, to wash off the residue of last night's revelry.

At noon the personal boys and porters of all the British masters, quietly gathering round the bungalow, take to the ground floor. After hours of service, the slaves, in all sorts of rags, old coats, worn stockings, torn shoes, watches more imposing than reliable, socks anything discarded by the white man, fit to them a thing of price.

Evening brings a still more Christmassy atmosphere. A huge fire is kept out of doors, while in the unit bungalow reclining on comfortable Indian chairs, the Englishmen swap yards of London togs, and wounded honor over Native girls, and when the trap-door

is closed, it is still bright in the bungalow. Ten months ago Clegg brought absurdly liberal quantities of all the dried fruits in the catalogues of his favourite store, and his cook is an old hand. Guinea fowl substitutes goose or turkey. The dainty dinner is a fine game dish.

Then for their pantomime. It is the Natives' contribution to the festive season, taking the form of performances in the camp clearing. For a while the white men look on amused; then they go back to the bungalow, leaving the blacks to dance the moon beneath the western horizon.

Not for two weeks will the Englishmen spend such another

BODO KIDOGO

A Story in a Riddle

Written for EAST AFRICA

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"Bodo kidogo" is an East African phrase. Some say that you should wait until the howling of the dog after the when you come to, or call, today. As a period of time, it may mean anything from five minutes to eternity, but when you bump up against a bodo without a kidogo, you have struck an eternal stumper. The words convey something a shade lower than *festival*, but a shade faster than *idle, far intent*.

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While the moon shines bright over the ocean, and the water plashes and bubbles in the general noise, bows and bands on the right, on the promenade deck are jumbled, the crew, though the captain is well, may be ill, well, or dead. *bodo kidogo!*

When your car is stuck deep in mud, and you have to stop and test, but master, and master is stuck through the holes in the hood, and master is shirt, and you are miles away from home, remember that there is never an occasion to hurry in this country, and comfort yourself with *bodo kidogo*.

Hours are gone, the sun is down, the moon is up, the blood is沸腾 and dinner are about to be had. *bodo kidogo!* You will get up and go to bed at the same instant, but, c'mon, *bodo kidogo!* See the due course of your bills with interest, *bodo kidogo!*

In your sleep and in your dreams, *bodo kidogo!* will suggest gams of eternity or fleeting hours on fathomless oceans. It may also appear to you as an expression of auto-suggestion, but in local conditions, not that every day and to others, *bodo kidogo!* is the best and better motto.

bodo kidogo in every way is easy to remember, for we all know her in this matter is regarding our own attention. But in the domino and mask she wears at municipal and social reunions a difficult lady to find *bodo kidogo!*

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A LOVER OF EAST AFRICAN ANIMALS.

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Mr. HENRY CONDENOHOVE, the man of whose death we received such great regret a few weeks ago, has just published his first book, entitled "My African Neighbours," and it comes in with "Many Bird and Beast in Nyasaland" (Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, \$2.50 net).

In his introduction the author, who had passed twenty-seven years of his broken residence in the different East African territories, says that he had not written a word upon his thirteen years that he had never seen a aeroplane, a motor-bus, a taxi, a steamboat, a wireless apparatus, a postbox or a telephone, nor of Einstein or a Bolshevik, that he had been in a cinematograph theatre only twice in his life, and that, though not a stranger to European society such as it was up to thirty years ago, he had not for a single instant imagined its approach.

Five years he goes down to a single meal with another human being, and the number of years passes without his exchanging a word with a European woman. The longest time spent without seeing a white European was eight months, but during that other white man was travelling and did not even stop at his hut for the night. To Mr. Condenhoove the joy of all religion was to be stretched out in the silent on a ridge after a long march, and with faint feelings astir in his heart he looks down upon his wife and children.

There is, although the introduction is brief, a good deal of the attraction even of the hardened reader in this book, and the loves are matters even with us, though a primitive one; however, we still happen when writing of his animal pets, to find an unbounded love of the animal world, and the traits of his keen observation over a wide range of life are scattered superbly and fascinatingly to other folk's vision.

While a boy he had a house for a summer, the most perfect place in the world, in charge of the wretchedly dirty Chipandavar, and never did he feel so happy as when that boy could not be induced to let him see them, among the many wild animals he had gathered.

He had a dog which was fond of his wife, animals, and people, and used to have a more compelling personality than any creature except a lion, but although his friendships with them were close, he could never get a pair of his dear friends to follow him afar from one campsite to the next; they have to be found in an unfriendly land which forbids them to penetrate into foreign preserves.

We have received a volume that tells us nothing of the author's life, but it is full of the

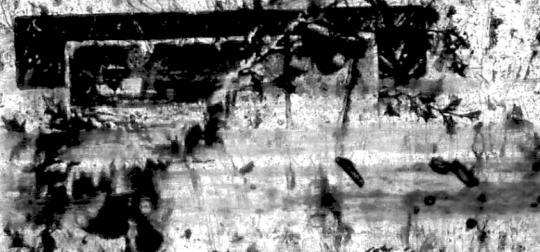
details of his life in Africa, and we cannot forget easily the patient care of the small black goose which had been in ill-health for some time, and which, just before she died, climbed laboriously to the thatched roof of a hut, gave a last look at the sinking orb of day, came painfully down, and expired. For five years three mongrels and two fox terriers were the chief pleasures in a solitary sojourn in a forest of the Shire Highlands. We are shown the passionate fondness of the little animals for music and perfumes, the way in which they will play with a lighted cigar, their preference for pork and chicken, and their general dislike of beef and goat's meat.

Yet, wrote the author, "I am sic certain a living thing to trifle mongeoses, for no creature is more amiable than the latter of creation or better

ferocious. To recover by force an animal which a mongeose has once taken possession of is a difficult attack, and probably a severe punishment after a period of what appears to be self-sacrifice is almost human in its humility and affection. Indeed, the affection of mongeoses for human friends is described by Mr. Condenhoove as no greater than that of dogs, and in their honour he tells of the kindness of one pet, Rikki-Tikki.

The chapter on "Familiars in the Wild" will be a delight to animal lovers. Take a few random remarks of the author. He knew no breed of animal in which the males do not show a conspicuous courtesy to the females, and therefore saw no reason to disbelieve the gentleman who assured him that in the Gabon he had seen a male gorilla peek a pink apple and send the fruit to his consort. Several instances are recorded of a male pet that would not touch food until the female had eaten. There were an excellent picture of the macabre inflictions of a raven visiting another preserve. For a time the lonely human watcher could not understand why his raven friends would eat only the yolk of eggs, whether raw or boiled, but light dawned on him later when he read that only the yolk contained arsenic and the white none at all.

On lions, crocodiles, snakes and other animals we have many interesting sidelights. Indeed, we believe that any man from East Africa who has spent years observing savage and animal nature will be glad to have this book, which will certainly stimulate his own observations. We cannot but regret that Mr. Condenhoove had so long delayed publication of this volume, and we trust that other forthcoming records of his observations and experiences will yet bring him a share of first-hand knowledge of the greatest interest and value to us.



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Marsabit Moudian is to him the most delightful place in the whole world; Meru, on the edge of the Kenya forests, with its commanding views, its perfect soil, its abundant water, and its fine climate, he finds the most delightful place in Kenya; while nothing on the Uganda Railway appeals to him so strongly as the view from Kijabe, with the Rift Valley stretching away as far as the eye can see. Its wonderful and varied scenery, its beautiful walks through almost endless forests, its crystal-clear streams, its luxuriant trees, its gorgeous butterflies and exquisitely coloured birds, its secluded glens, its English roses, strawberries, strawberies and peaches, flourishing side-by-side with pine-apples, bananas and other tropical fruits, are depicted in word-paintings almost as effective as the illustrations to the nice volume. To the beauty of Donyo Sabuk, the former home of the late Sir Northcote, he adds the beauty of the Kikuyus with its rushing waters and bewdly rubber plantations. Major Dugmore's heartfelt tribute. Indeed, no one who becomes of his book is likely to be disappointed in its contents.

He has no doubts as to the relative attractions and rewards of camera-shooting and rifle-shooting. For hours he lies crammed in a hide-out waiting for two large bull giraffes to approach within the focus of his cinema-camera. They draw near, stretch their legs, put down their heads and turn. In this instant he meets the watcher's hat is troublous and his knees shake until he seems to fear them. What he had longed for and worked for during past year has been realised. He is enjoying the most interesting experience in all

his photographic hunting, feeling repaid a thousand-fold for all the hardships and disappointments past. "No man with his rifle," he says, "can have such perfect trifles of satisfaction and clear-cut. He was so close to one of the giraffes that he could see the long tongue drawing the leaves into his mouth, and even the long hairs around the great wonderful brown eyes. Many a disappointing day had gone before, indeed, the first of the two trips described in this volume is hardly a failure, but infinite patience and a philosophical nature were to reap their splendid reward.

For the camera-hunter the book abounds in experiences of value. How and where to find a hide-up, what to avoid and how to avoid it are this that are given again and again with the photographs of the tree-shootman's spearmanship which in the way was shown in full measure to this rival photographer by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson, who went on the same quest in Kenya, put the whole of their resources at the disposal of Major Dugmore on two separate occasions. The author is always generous in his recognition of his companions, the Martin Johnsons, his American friend, W. S. Harris, Leslie Tarlton, Duggard, and de Bruin (who shared with him the thrills of a short-range charge by three rhinos) are all mentioned affectionately and with kindly appreciation of their share in the enterprise.

Major Dugmore possesses a penetrating eye and a penetrating mind. Take, for instance, his picture of the photographer crouching in a grass shelter when a baboon scout high up in the tree above him discovers the unknown creature and gives the alarm. Then, arranging himself where a stout branch crosses his body, leaving only his eyes visible, he lay unmoving for an hour, while some of the younger and more curious ones, who had come from branch to branch until they could see the intruder. They reminded him of a certain sergeant-major whom he met in 1914, and who delighted in shooting at unfortunate recruits, always hoping that they would dare to answer him. If they were foolish enough to do so the fun and language began. So says the writer, was it with these baboons.

Or take his remark that "Hohenstaufen's delightful description of a farm in Flanders, as a rectangle with a smelt in the middle, fits a Masai village except that the smelt is not confined to the middle." Or, again, to an economic example, the statement that Kenyans



"AN ALRESTING HAVING." THE ELEPHANT IN THE FOREGROUND IS REPRODUCED FROM "THE WONDERLAND OF BIG GAME." Retouched studio prints of zebras, antelopes, and Grant's gazelle are among the animals depicted at the watering-hole.

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serious labour question because, with an area of nearly 260,000 square miles which is greater than all of Great Britain, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia combined, it has a population considerably less than that of London alone.

The most dangerous experience related in the book is excellently narrated. Major Bugmore's position in a line-up is detected by a herd of elephants. With long snake-like trunks raised high above the body, the monsters move silently and slowly towards him, making the slightest sound. Nine or ten of them form up in a half-circle and advance relentlessly to within twenty-five yards, halt, slowly lift their trunks and snap their great ears, employing their acute senses of smell and hearing. Several come straight forward and the others walk to either side. Escape is impossible. Nearer and nearer they come until nothing but a few leaf-covered branches lie between the anxious writer and the great reddish bodies. Lower and lower he crouches until his head is within a few inches of the ground, while the elephants still advance. (The nearest was almost so low as to have been exactly eight feet away.) For fifteen long minutes—too, strikingly enough, the photographer looked at his watch in his anxiety—the great beasts stand almost touching him, their trunks actually over his head (which was probably the reason they did not get his scent); their monstrous ears fanning him! From sheer nervousness he experiences a violent desire to cough; the holding in his throat becomes unbearable, and with infinite care he extracts from his pocket the small box of throat pastilles, always carried when watching for animals. At last he coughed, and taking one gets a tablet into his mouth. It is a veritable miracle the first time that a cough lozenge has saved a life.

F. S. I.

BIOGRAPHY OF SIR JOHN KIRK

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. W. C. KIRK, D.S.O., of Twyssenden Manor, Goudhurst, Kent, informs us that a biography of his father, the late Sir John Kirk, M.G., is now being prepared by Professor K. Coupland, Professor of Colonial History at Oxford University, and that he (Colonel Kirk) will be glad to receive any information from anyone regarding his father's work at Zanzibar and particularly to receive any memoirs. It is important that much of his father's friend, Mr. George, with whom he corresponded freely, have passed away, but that their relatives may possibly be in possession of letters of value to the biographer. If any of our readers can assist in this matter we trust that they will at once communicate with Colonel Kirk.

The great majority of our readers will have a very clear recollection of the time of the Slave Trade in East Africa, and also between the Slave Trade and the Slave Trade in Central Africa (the time of the British Consul General). One of his greatest achievements was to gain from the then Sultan the treaty extinguishing the slave trade and the 200,000 who instigated German designs on the East African coast. It seems the methods he used to secure the friendliness of Sultan Hassan were to induce Germany and Great-Germany to banish him, who was able to save Mombasa for England and leave the way for the British Protectorate.

ENCOURAGING WHITE SETTLEMENT

Sir Edward Grigg's speech

CARLISLE on Sunday last the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kenya, Sir Edward Grigg, speaking at Colloca on the occasion of the agricultural show, declared that before coming to Kenya he had been warned against Lord Delamere. Since his arrival he had found no reason for such a warning, and he considered that the Empire owed a debt to men like Lord Delamere.

Kenya required more white settlers, and he would do his utmost to develop European settlement as the country needed it.

The Director of Agriculture gave figures showing the growth of cultivation on the Plateau, which had increased 100% in three years, showing the necessity of the present railway. The maize crop this year is estimated at 500,000 bags.

"KENYA AS I FOUND IT."

ALFRED WIGGLESWORTH, who has contributed to the *Journal of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce* of the United Kingdom an article on "Kenya as I found it," there expresses his view that we are on the eve of an extension in colonial development which will astound the world, so that twenty years hence another Empire Exhibition may put the Wembley of 1924-25 in the shade. This belief the writer bases on the fact that by damming back the tide of world immigration the United States of America has checked her own development and directed the flow of European emigration to the British Overseas Commonwealth, and to the important consideration that heavy taxation at home and the domination of industry by the trade unions are leading to diverse industrial developments to colonial effort.

"East Africa," he says, "with its million square miles and its twelve million inhabitants, has caught the public fancy more than any other of our tropical possessions, and Kenya is foremost in men's thoughts to-day as a desirable field for action and profitable employment." Hard work and experience have caused men to make good there in the face of many difficulties. In all countries and by far Mr. Wiggleworth has found it a delight to see comfortable homes surrounded by beautiful gardens, and in the centre of each a large, spacious, comfortable house.

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East African Trade and Information Office.

MR. HARRISON asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether, in order to facilitate the development of Kenya Colony and in view of the proposed loan to that colony, he will consider establishing a special Department to furnish full particulars and information regarding its natural resources and possibilities, as well as other information to those who may be or may desire to be financially interested?

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Ormsby Gore) :—The Trade and Information Office, not for Kenya only, but for the East African Dependencies generally, is about to be opened at 32, Cockspur Street. The East African Dependencies are fortunate in having been able to secure for the control of this office the services of Colonel Franklin, who will combine with his new duties those in his present position of H.M. Trade Commissioner in East Africa, and will divide his time between the two posts. It should perhaps make it clear that the proposed loan for further railway development is not to Kenya only, but for the five East African territories as a whole.

MR. SNOOK : May I ask whether in connection with this office it is proposed to have any exhibits of the products of Kenya Colony?

MR. ORMSBY GORE : It is proposed to have such an exhibit of the products, not only of Kenya, but of the other territories. We have obtained a ground-floor room in our third floor office.

Kenya Detention Camps

COLESLEY WESSEX and COXON Wigginwood HORN questioned the Secretary of State for the Colonies concerning the proposed creation of detention or concentration camps in Kenya Colony, asking whether his attention had been drawn to a circular issued by Mr. Denham Colonial Secretary pointing out to the heads of all Departments that the creation of detention camps would ensure to the Government a constant supply of labour, and whether he proposed to point out to the Kenyan Government that the constant supply of labour could not be allowed to have any relation to the punishment of offenders.

MR. ORMSBY GORE : The present situation is that we have one Ordinance which makes provision for the trial of persons accused of criminal offences, and it is to be expected that when they are to be under the control of the tribal retainers, prison officials are not to be employed. The circular speaks of a useful, not a constant, supply of labour for Government purposes. The object of the Ordinance is to avoid the association of technical offenders with criminal prisoners, not to provide a source of labour, but it would be undesirable if some offenders were to escape the period of their detention in criminal gaols, and to escape from the law, and to remain at large. I am sending to Kenyan a report on the working of the Ordinance when it has had a full trial.

COLONEL WESSEX : Is the hon. gentleman aware that behind this new departure is the idea of securing free labour for Government contracts, as well as what should be there, namely the question of the proper treatment of the prisoners?

MR. ORMSBY GORE : I can assure the right hon. and gallant gentleman that it is not the policy of the Kenyan Government. This is a progressive measure, and is designed to deal with this particular class of offender in a more peaceful spirit.

MAJOR THEMISTOCLES LAMBERT : In view of the Bill recently suggested by the hon. member opposite, will the hon. gentleman see that these men are tried by a jury of their own class?

MR. SNOOK : Is it proposed to utilise Government and public work only, or available for private enterprise, because Mr. Denham's circular says "of course." What does "of course" mean?

MR. ORMSBY GORE : Certainly not for private enterprise in any circumstances. It is entirely confined to Government purposes, and from what I have seen in Africa it is really of a very light kind.

Crown Colonies (Development).

MR. THOMAS asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies what reason actuated the Government in this connexion with the Committee which would have advised them on the development of the Crown Colonies.

MR. ORMSBY GORE : I think the right hon. gentleman alludes to the Committee in regard to East Africa. My right hon. friend considers that in regard to East African development there is so much scope for action arising out of the Report of the East African Committee, and the Governor's Conference that there is really no room for that Committee.

MR. THOMAS : May we take it that the present Colonial Secretary considers that all the assistance he requires is to be given by the Under-Secretary?

MR. ORMSBY GORE : I am not in a position to answer that question.

MR. BODHILL : Will the hon. gentleman give the House an assurance that East Africa is not to be the limit of the Government's endeavours in this respect?

MR. ORMSBY GORE : Certainly. We are constantly in touch with various bodies, such as the Association of Chambers of Commerce of West Africa, the West Indian Committee and other bodies interested in the development of the Empire. In groups of colonies it is suggested that we should have one Committee for the whole Colonial Empire is impracticable.

Empire-Brown Tobacco in the House.

COLONEL DAY asked the right hon. member for Cheltenham as Chairman of the Kitchener Committee, if he is aware that Empire-Brown tobacco is not on sale and is not obtainable by Members in the smoking room of either of the Houses of Commons and whether he would state the reason for failing to supply Empire-Brown tobacco in the smoking room of the appropriate House to British Members.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON : I am sorry to say that in view of the size, and gallant members, the appeal of the Prime Minister would be quite with such obvious approval, his desire will be responded to by one Committee, and Empire-Brown tobacco will be in the appropriate吸烟室 of the House.

CAPTAIN GREEN : Is not a fact that it has been on sale for some considerable time?

SIR LADY FRANCIS YOUNG : Not so far as I know.

AN EAST AFRICAN TANK.

JUDGMENT for the Crown with costs, was given last week by Mr. Justice McCordie in the King's Bench Division against Captain Bede J. F. Bentley of Church and Finchley, who said he claimed £100,000 under a bill of exchange as the inventor of the tank.

Captain Bentley, a son of the architect of Westminster Cathedral, was the first man to take a motor car to Abyssinia, is the author of "The King Menelik in a Motor Car," and served in Somaliland and in the East African campaign for some two years until November, 1917.

In passing judgment Mr. Justice McCordie said Captain Bentley was a most unsatisfactory witness, and that many of his answers on several points were most evasive. He was satisfied that Captain Bentley's story was in substance untrue.

PERSONALIA.

Major G. W. V. Bruce has left for Dar es Salaam.

Mr. F. Hurst has arrived in Uganda as first Assistant as Field Geologist.

Sir John and Lady Pettyman Newman have been on tour for the South of France.

Captain Fairfax Lucy, M.C., son of Sir Henry Fairfax Lucy, has left England for Kenya.

Captain G. T. Hewlett Cooper, R.N., Director of Marine, has left Tanganyika on leave.

Mr. C. D. Doubly, Senior Commissioner, Kenya, has arrived back in the Colony from leave.

Mr. A. Sutherland read a paper on Kenya Colony before the Tain Literary Society last week.

Mr. C. F. Battiscombe, Private Secretary to His Highness the Sultan, has arrived home from Muszhar on leave.

Sir Robert Hamilton, M.P., was married last week to Mrs. Gertrude Sublette, the wife of Kirkwall, Orkney.

Mr. J. Freeman, of Mazoe Northern Rhodesia, has contributed an interesting letter to the *Times* on the subject of Empire tobacco.

Dr. R. R. Scott, Sanitation Officer, Dar es Salaam, and Captain J. R. W. Wilson, of the F. M. Munza, have returned to the territory from leave.

Mr. William Beaumont, Chairman of the London and Eastern Airports Committee, has gone to America. He expects to be away about three months.

An interesting interview with Archdeacon Mathers, who left London for Uganda the other day, recently appeared in the London *Evening Standard*.

Mr. Arnold, a teacher at the Royal College of Art, a member of the African Railways Association, states that this serious injury received in the attack upon him by an *askari* may necessitate an operation, but that otherwise he hopes to be convalescent in about a month. Mr. Arnold, only recently returned to Nyasaland from Europe,

The *Mombasa Times* reports that Mr. Sheridan, who recently returned to East Africa after a long boardship and was transferred to another ship, was suspected.

Mr. Leclercq, Belgian engineer, has just completed the trip Atitom-Atitom from Nairobi Bayale, Kenya, by motor-cycle, his wife accompanying him on the carriage. The distance covered was some 1,500 miles.

Colonel W. H. Franklin has had to postpone his departure for East Africa. Instead of sailing on Christmas Eve as he had planned to do, he may now leave England in the early spring on luxury.

Amongst those who have just arrived home on leave from Kenya are Lieut.-Colonel C. H. Evans of the 3rd K.A.R.; Mrs. G. M. Ross and Mr. P. Nunan; Mr. G. Trail, Senior Commissioner; Mr. L. Battiscombe, Conservator of Forests; and Messrs. W. G. Crawford and J. G. Nisbet, Assistant Engineers on the Uganda Railway.

Col. C. W. O. Walker, D.S.O., has been appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to be Secretary to the Conference of Governors of East Africa. The announcement is most interesting in account of its character and importance, and curious because the colony to which Col. Walker is accorded as posted is given as "Nairobi."

We announced in our last issue that a luncheon would be held to celebrate the opening of the "African Dependencies' Trade and Information Office" in London. It has now been decided that the function will be held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on Monday January 1, at 12.45 for 1 p.m. The Rt. Hon. Lord Stanley of Alderley will preside, and the Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore and the Hon. R. B. Thomas will speak. Applications for tickets may be made immediately to the Royal Colonial Institute, London Chamber of Commerce, or the British Empire Producers Organisation.

We report with deep regret the death of Mr. Donnelly, well known throughout East Africa for his many public activities, foremost among which were his secretarieship of the Convention of Associations and the Coffee Planters' Union. He went to Kenya some fourteen years ago as secretary of the newly-formed Landowners' Association, later becoming secretary to the Convention, and to Sir Northrup MacMillan and the MacMillan estates. He had a large share in the formation of the Taxpayers' Protection Society, and was also secretary to the Kenyatta Council. He had a host of friends, and from a private source we learn that the Colonial Secretary, the Mayor of Nairobi, Lady MacMillan, Lord Isiandere, and many representatives of public bodies attended his funeral. Mr. Donnelly, who was forty-six, leaves a widow and one young son.

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Considerable delays in the provision of these facilities have occurred, but the financial strain of certain negotiations has presented greater difficulties than was anticipated at first. However, very good reason to tell you to-day that these negotiations are now proceeding very satisfactorily, and I have every reason to believe that they will reach a definite conclusion within the next few days. This will enable work to be begun at Beira at an early date. On conclusion, I would like, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, to record our appreciation of your valuable and friendly assistance that the Mozambique Government is continuing to give us, and we would also like to express our appreciation of the untiring and able services rendered by the general manager and the staff.

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

AFRICAN SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

The annual general meeting of the African Society was held last week Sir Alfred Sharp being the chair in the unavoidable absence of Lord Buxton who, then chairman announced amid Federation had been persuaded to accept the presidency for the six years in succession. Their number was largely due to Lord Buxton's influence, but it was fortunate to have so keen a friend as Mr. J. R. G. Johnston, the president, councillors and honorary officers were re-elected in full.

Upon the adoption of the annual report, Capt. F. J. Smith recalled that about twenty years ago a meeting was called to consider the future of the Society. Only two members attended, and the other one voted for winding up. He opposed that view and for some time dined once monthly at a West End restaurant calling himself "the African Society". Then came the first meeting which four people attended. Next time they got together when he persuaded Sir Harry Johnston to speak, and they gathered together; and when, at the fourth dinner, he was bold enough to

Winston Churchill came to London and his present. This was briefly the story of salvation.

During the year 1924-25 eighty-four new members and subscribers had been elected, and the funds had consequently improved, the year's excess of income over expenditure being £243. The meetings and dinners of the Society had been most successful, and the latter were becoming recognised as social events not to be missed by Anglo-Africans. The bond of brotherhood had

been strengthened, and the Society had become more health-toothed. Sir Harry Johnson, to resign the position of joint editor of the Society's *Journal*, the meeting sent him a resolution of greetings, gratitude for his great services and sympathy in his illness. Several members spoke in the motion, testifying to the Society's debt to Sir Harry.

It was announced that the Prince of Wales had graciously accepted the Society's invitation to dinner, and that the function would probably be held in May after the resumption of Parliament from the West Indies.

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MR. LAFERrière's Lecture.

MR. J. H. LAFERRIÈRE in lecturing last week to the African Society on the "Zambia Valley" described Africa as "the world's dish turned upside down," the finger of the continent being the low-lying belt favourable to European colonisation, and the high side, rising to the great interior plateau. It was owing to that configuration of things that the laterless days of exploration was due.

But the descriptive title of the word have been entirely forgotten. As a matter of fact it was only the last thirty-five years that had really seen its development. When Mr. Carpenter went out in 1865 the railway from the Cape stopped at Arvburg, to get to Salisbury, 1,000 miles had to be traversed by bullock wagons and to reach the coast at Beira there was a 100-mile walk. In 1900 European civilisation 400 years to reach Salisbury from Cape Town; it took the lecturer four months by ox wagon; to-day the journey was done in comfort in four days. The *sidas* from Salisbury to Beira used to occupy twenty-four days; now as many hours were sufficient.

Thirty years or so ago Beira was just a wave-washed sandbank visited now and then by one 700-ton steamer. To-day the port was the Liverpool of East Africa, serving or destined to serve an area of 200,000 square miles an area in which 100,000,000 tons of coal and much other mineral wealth had been located. As soon as the Zambezi bridge was started—

and it is to be completed in December—there was the announcement that action would supersede negotiation—a railway would be started from the bridgehead to open up the rich new coalfield at Tete, from which 500,000 or 750,000 tons of coal would within a few years be exported annually from Beira. That coal traffic would allow the freights on agricultural produce and raw materials and benefit with Beira.

Humours of the Early Days.

A number of numerous incidents were mentioned by Mr. Laferrière. Amongst them:

He started money the previous year by way of the pioneers. There was Taffy of Portingale East a Welshman who was known for his three glorious heads of cowslip, when a column coming up country had brought with it three hospital nurses; Taffy proposed to each of the three in the final parting, when doomed to return home disconsolate. Then there was a river steamer said to be propelled by deer, because of Captain's elegant habit of running her animals across the channeling the river. He was not successful.

Another incident was that of a man who had some experience of the charms of his labour, claiming that their *boma* a good man, that he will shoot game for them, and that when much bush, would appreciate Mr. Laferrière's definition of such songs as collective suggestion, *alias* co-operative blackmail.

Mr. C. Ponsonby recalling General Hammond's statement that the production of the country surrounding Beira was increasing so fast that the port could not cope with the situation agreed that the best Christmas present that could be given to Beira, Nyasaland and Rhodesia would be the news that steps were being taken immediately to build proper wharves at Beira. Otherwise the traffic that should come to Beira would have to go to Lourenço Marques or Bobio Bay, even though Beira was undoubtedly the most suitable port. It would be absolute folly to spend money in building the already needed bridge across the Zambezi without the assurance of proper wharves being built. The whole thing going together would be a great advantage.

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EAST AFRICA'S INCREASING TRADE

Import and Export Positions Satisfactory.

A PRIVATE cable has been received in London pointing on the very best authority that the absorption of imports by Kenya and Uganda is continuing on a high scale—so far, at least, in fact, than was anticipated only a few weeks ago. There has been a noticeable steady movement, and there is every promise that the position will continue satisfactory.

From other sources we learn of keen German efforts in Pioneering East Africa, and Nyasaland to extend their trades, failing by their usual methods—obstinate and rigidly closed policy—but there is some compensation in the fact that the considerable losses which such recalcitrant trading has caused to European firms operating in Kenya and Uganda are here checked, at least momentarily, such being the case.

For the first nine months of 1925 the total trade of Kenya and Uganda increased by no less than £2,250,000, when Uganda's share was £600,000. Cotton exports were up 250,000 cwt., and sisal oil, of which came from Uganda, while the sisal and maize increases, which are to be credited to Kenya, were 1,043 tons and 15,175 cwt., respectively. Coffee exports, however, were down 1,000 cwt., this figure including the European and home-grown proportion of 1,000 cwt. each in Kenya and Uganda.

Strong Foreign Competition.

Home consumption has increased in the months January to October inclusive, now that imports from Kenya and Uganda took £1,918,820, as compared with £3,583,374 in 1924, thus representing an increase of no less than £1,635,556. Great Britain maintains her position at the head of the supplying countries with 48% of the trade; the U.S.A. has increased her share from 10% to 12%, possibly due

in considerable measure to the fact that America has made inroads into Japan's trade in *americana*—German's share, which was 5% for the eight months of 1924, is now only a smaller percentage than had been expected—indeed Holland has also gained, while Japan and India have lost ground.

Imports into Tanganyika, however, for the first nine months of the year show an even greater relative progress. Up to the end of September, 1925, imports were valued at £1,120,000 as against £1,500,192 last year, while exports over the same relative periods have increased in value by £100,000.

It will therefore be seen that although both imports and exports have increased very rapidly Tanganyika now shows an unfavourable balance imports having exceeded exports in the first nine months of the year by £100,000, whereas in the corresponding period of 1924 the trade balance was roughly £250,000 to the good. The Mandatories' exports of coffee are 17,000 cwt. higher, and those of cotton and copra 28,000 cwt. and 200 tons greater, respectively, but sisal is 200 tons lower, while the groundnut crop, as already reported, has experienced a failure.

NYASALAND TEA PLANTERS.

In view of a statement which reached us from Nyasaland that the Manje Planters' Association proposed to apply for affiliation to the Indian Tea Association, we have made inquiries of the Secretary of the Association in London, who has no knowledge of any such application. Moreover he expresses the opinion that it is doubtful whether such affiliation would be entertained, since membership of the Indian Tea Association is limited to individual persons, companies or firms interested in the production of Indian tea.

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From Our Own Correspondent.

London, November 24, 1925.

The rather brief report of the Conference of representatives of the East African territories makes very interesting reading, and as the understanding between the various delegates was very cordial, we believe very much good has been done. Though one cannot expect immediate results, the local counterpart of the man in the street feels that a very sound foundation has been laid on which to build a very united, happy and prosperous federation of East African States.

The most important question debated was that of facilities for transport, and it was unanimously decided that the matter should be gone into very thoroughly. Very rightly too, for without the means of reaching a market with a country's produce, the country might just as well cease to exist. One school of politicians—harpying in the minority—maintains that it is foolish to spend money in the creation of any sort until a country has the goods to move, and thereby risks the millions sunk in railways a more or less profitable investment. They forget not the proved fact that unless arrangements to transport goods cheaply are first forthcoming, there will never be any goods at all. If they will look around they will perceive that where "transport" is provided, so follows, and it is to be hoped that will be the case, a point of view as futile is that of the gentleman who failed to know whether the hen or the egg came first. They will be wise to do not criticise from the comfort of their armchairs, and with

Now that a serious start has been made in the matter of linking up developing and consolidating all the great British interests throughout the whole of Eastern Africa, it is to be hoped no pains will be spared in maintaining the co-operation so hardly begun.

Our Orchestra.

I do not know whether it was my pathetic plea for music which brought me back, or merely a very natural craving among some of our kindly loving souls, but a real good amateur orchestra is now as accomplished as the members of parliament. The orchestra is a self-supported unit, just as the members of parliament are. Congratulations to each one of them, and may their figures never lose their twinkling.

The Rains and Tobacco.

The rains appear to have set in in most of the Highland districts and there is marked general activity in ploughing out our furries. At the time these lines are being written, I shall know how far the break has been made, and how far the very fair chance of making anticipated returns in the form of a reasonable profit's ordered. It is a gamble. Perhaps it is just as well we do not know for certain, inspite of the presence and the promises of the Indian fortune teller, for if we did, what I am not going to start a controversy.

This Week's Fairy Story.

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OUR KENYA LETTER.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nairobi, December 14, 1925.

Kenya Day was formally celebrated in front of the Nairobi Corporation on 1st inst. by a large crowd of Europeans, including H.E. Sir Edward Grigg, Lady Grigg and the heads of all the various Departments. The K.A.R. and Police were well represented, as well as the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. Everybody in town turned out. Flowers profusely during the morning, and an immense pile of wreaths was deposited at the foot of the column, their Excellencies giving the example with two mainly composed of lilies. The dance, which was to take place in the evenings on behalf of St Dunstan's charity for blind soldiers, was postponed according to the precedent set in England.

The Seasons.

Rain has at last fallen in some quantity around Nairobi, and although topsy-turvy in many cases, to improve crop conditions much, will at least take the raw edge of famine from the neighbourhood. Possibly the drought has broken completely, but it is too early to decide this definitely. At least there is hope for a little water on the plains for game. If a flush of grass may be confidently expected, the Somalis and Natives whose stock grazed in such numbers around the capital are happy for the moment, the former attributing the downpour to their intercessions. "Rain will fall, Allah will bring it" has of late been constantly repeated by the Somalis with the most intense conviction whenever asked about their opinion on the weather; while other tribes have secretly operated all their old rain-making formulae through their witch-doctors.

Important Land Deal.

For some time past rumours have been rife that a syndicate, of which Lord Cobham figures, is negotiating to buy the well-known estates of the Evans Brothers in Nairobi, the result that has been much the pioneering of the main industry in that centre. This deal seems to have come to a head at last, and about 20,000 acres of land is said to be on the point of changing hands. The price is believed to vary according to the productivity of different farms, from a sum of between £100,000 and £150,000 is mentioned here, by people who evidently know a good deal about it. This transaction constitutes quite a romance, for the vendors are a very poor, simple tribe, none of whom are over forty years of age, and the buyers are a rich, well-established world, because the Evans brothers make a great deal of money in India, where they have large plantations, and also grow cotton in Kenya, having about 10,000 acres under this crop last year. When we announced recently, Capt. W. Evans, was on his way back to Kenya.

Japanese Competition.

The strong feeling current is now at the unfair competition of Japanese industrial methods in the cotton piece goods trade, whereby they contrive flagrantly their undertaking regarding factory hours and the employment of women and children, and an echo here, for they get a big proportion of the Uganda cotton crop each year, owing to their organisation for buying up, but being quite as efficient as any agency for purchasing this raw material operating on behalf of British and Indian shippers, cover both in Uganda and those parts of Kenya suitable for producing this crop. Cotton is being lost by British firms and could probably with a view to feeding Lancashire mills with this product and providing work for our industrial population in England.

NORTH CHARTERLAND EXPLORATION.

Improved Prospects of Settlement.

This ordinary general meeting of the North Charterland Exploration Company 1910, Ltd., was held last week at Rhodesia House, 2, London Wall, Holborn, E.C., Sir Harry Wilson, K.C.M.G., K.B.E. (Chairman of the Company), presiding.

Mr. H. W. Lampard, representing the Secretaries of the British South Africa Company, having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors,

The Chairman, in the course of moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—The profit and loss account shows a loss of £1,457 which may be compared with £3,181 in the 1923 accounts. This figure is partly due to provision of reserve for bad and doubtful debts, the cost of oil seed culture expenditure and full allowance for depreciation. There is also the loss of £1,506 on sales of tobacco from the 1919-20 crops, while a profit of £1,009 is shown for sales of tobacco from the 1923-24 crops.

The company has gone through the pioneering stage and the unsettled times following the war, and the Board is of opinion that a rapid and progressive development policy is more than justified.

It is hoped to call the shareholders together again early in 1926 and lay before them concrete proposals for raising additional capital which will enable a more progressive policy to be adopted. As you are no doubt aware the company owns the mineral rights over 10,000 square miles of territory. We are taking steps to ensure vigorous prospecting over this area. In what way it will be carried out we are not yet in a position to state. It may be by the formation of another company to carry out this important work.

Tobacco Prospects.

The whole acreage under Virginian tobacco in the District during the 1923-24 season was 2,959, and produced 1,111 lb. Of the above acreage the company had 200 in 1923-24 producing 353,080 lb. In 1924-25 the company's acreage was slightly less than 200, but this yield was improved considerably and future yields will be in the percentage of 150% grades. The figures for the bulk of this crop have been satisfactory.

It is hoped that the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association, the formation of which is now being considered, will have a great effect on the industry generally. The company will, under certain conditions, become a member of the Association and so its new graded grading warehouses at Fort Jameson will undergo extensive reconditioning, as well as providing grading and marking rooms as the company's own grading rooms. It is later on felt to be desirable to decentralise the work of grading, one or two additional grading warehouses may be erected in the outlying districts.

Small acreages of cotton still continue to be planted by a few of the settlers, but with the improvements in the tobacco market little interest is being shown in cotton growing. It is possible that when the Native reserves are finally settled attention may be given to the growing of cotton as a economic crop by the Natives residing in them, as is largely done in Uganda and also in Nyasaland.

Improved Transport Facilities.

The importance of improved transport facilities, both to and out of North Charterland, has been the topic of the last few years. At first, when the company was formed, there was no means available for the movement of valuable minerals. There is only one

point in their recommendations which I do not take exception to. They say in their report that there can be little doubt that the natural commercial outlet from the Fort Jameson district would be by road to Doma Bay (or Lake Nyasa) and thence via Manda to Dar es Salaam.

I cannot but think that the natural outlet for North Charterland is at present the port of Beira. If the Zambezi Bridge is constructed, as appears to be probable, our produce would travel as it does now by motor lorry 240 miles to the railway at Limpopo just south of Blantyre, and thence by a continuous line of railway already existing the whole way to Beira. If the Lake Highlands Railway is extended by the route now proposed to the southern end of Lake Nyasa, tonnage brought from Fort Jameson would be about halved, and later on a further extension might be carried on to Port Tawes. I think that from our position in Northern Rhodesia we fall into the southern rather than the northern and as yet quite undeveloped system of Nyasaland.

The Zambezi Bridge and Roads.

M. Afery has said that while the importance of the Zambezi Bridge was fully recognised, there were difficulties in the way of utilising loans raised for transport in the British Dependencies for the construction of a bridge in Portuguese territory, the concession for which had been granted by the Portuguese Government to a private company. It is obvious that the Zambezi Bridge is an essential link in those communications, and we must hope that the means for building it will be found outside, if not inside, the C.I.O. or be guaranteed by the Government.

When it comes to roads we are on more certain ground, and the outstanding fact for this company is that a new main road from Fort Jameson via Petauke to Broken Hill on the Rhodesian railways is now under active construction and should be completed early in 1926. This road will run right through the North Charterland concession from east to west, crossing the Lungwa River and will open up the whole length of your territory for further development, besides providing a much easier route from the port to the capital at Livingstonia.

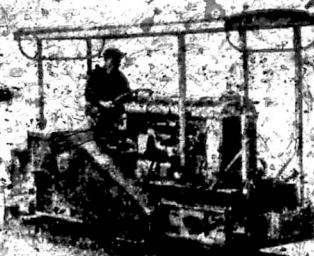
In addition to the East African road, Mr. Afery also recommends a road to connect Abercorn at the southern end of Lake Tanganyika via Kasanga and Serenje with Fort Jameson. This road, with others, was partially constructed during the war, and the cost of its completion should not be unduly high.

Stock Trading.

It is a pleasure to be able to report that the volume of stock trading for 1924 was the largest in history. This year, as in previous years, the stock market was very active at Fort Jameson, the old buildings having been completely outgrown, and when these are completed it will give us much more room and enable us to display our varied stock to better advantage.

The reason which has caused the postponement of the meeting is that the Board has been considering certain proposals with regard to the re-organisation of the company, and at first intended to put them forward at the same time as this meeting. Later on, when it became apparent that this could not be done so soon as was thought possible, it was decided to hold our regular annual general meeting at once, and to call the shareholders together again early next year when the scheme has been more fully matured and can be laid before you at an extraordinary general meeting.

Mr. G. Seymour F.R.H.C.B.E. seconded the resolution and it was carried unanimously. The usual formal business having been transacted, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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It has been announced at Bulawayo cables that it has been decided to mine diamonds discovered in the Mworozi River in the Tanganyika Territory are an annual sum of £100,000. No time limit has been disclosed.

This news, which is a contradiction of previous reports, reached London only shortly after telegraphic advice from Johannesburg that the shareholders of the Tanganyika Diamond Corporation had ratified an agreement by which the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa undertakes to provide £100,000 annually, spending not less than £50,000. The corporation is to be responsible for costs of mining and transporting the diamonds to the mouth of the river, after payment of government duties, cost of transport to London, £100,000 to the shareholders and £100,000 to the

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EDITORIAL

TAKING STOCK OF THE YEAR.

But for the fact that 1925 promises to be the least favourable, we might regret the closing of a year that has been the most noteworthy in East African history. 1925 has indeed brought Eastern Africa so many benefits that some of them may well be recalled in its last hours. To catalogue all the important events of the twelve months would require more space than we have available, and we shall therefore confine ourselves to enumerating a few of the outstanding evidences of progress.

First place is demanded by the Report of Mr. Ormsby Gore's East African Commission, which is a monument of inestimable service to Eastern African agriculture. It has sprung the decision of the Government to guarantee £10,000,000 for the improvement of transport facilities, the initiation of the Conference of East African Governors and representative East African Settlers, the setting up of the Miani Institute, the constitution of an international committee to investigate sleeping sickness, the intensification of the anti-tsetse campaign, the focusing of public attention on the need for the unification of the railroads in the territories, and the initiation of a new financial organization.

Secondly, the continuous services of Mr. Ormsby Gore deserve East Africa's special gratitude. His studies and written enthusiasm of the territories have been, and have been in no small degree responsible for filling East African authorities and the areas of happy settlement with the belief that their year has not been without its cheer. His appointments to various commissions, none of which was heavier than good from the territories concerned, is a formidable record. His complete list of the posts given by His Majesty to the three Members of Parliament who, unopposed, were re-elected to their respective constituencies, and referred to them for re-election, is equally remarkable.

The publication of the first annual educational report was another event of special interest.

The several zone newspaper report said most of the delegates to the Tukuyu Conference should have confessed that they had not read that Report is an admission which no East African public man should have made. A business man who announced that he did not trouble or had not the time to study his trade journal would be rightly regarded as confessing that he had not the energy to look after his affairs properly. Anyone who aspires to a seat in Eastern African councils and who is not thoroughly conversant with the two Reports above mentioned similarly writes himself down as ill equipped for his duties. We would go further and say that every intelligent East African should possess copies and read them in an inwardly digesting manner some of the best brain food of the year.

The All-East African standpoint has, we are glad to record, developed strongly during 1925. The spirit of co-operation has superseded futile local jealousies, until tolerance has changed to fellowship and again to friendship. The several Dependencies are linked as never before, and we look forward to progressive co-operation and co-ordination in all branches of activity.

Material prosperity has been marked. European and Native producers of cotton, coffee, sisal, tobacco, and many other products have had a very good year—indeed, the one year in which the selling provided by the European market for Northern Rhodesia, whose crops were a decided failure. Trade balance figures are much improved in all the territories. Trade with the outside world, from foreign countries and colonies in particular, has overdrifts have been drastically reduced and the partnership is almost uniformly read.

It is possible to review that the financial situation of the colony has been, and will continue to be, a matter of grave concern. The financial, agricultural, veterinary and research services have been noticeably improved in several of the territories during recent years, and there is an evident determination to do better in the future. Aid has been enlisted and greatly increased, and the settlements are showing increased interest in mineral resources.

Every year has been remarkable in its own way, but when we compare 1925 with the year before as an unusually satisfactory year from the East African standpoint.

May it bring to all clear health, happiness and prosperity to those who serve and to all that serve others.

AN OIL REFINERY FOR KENYA

By a Technical Correspondent

In an article entitled "The Prices of Petrol and Aviation in Kenya," which was recently published in EAST AFRICA,¹ the establishment of an oil refinery in that country was suggested as the best way to obtain petrol, paraffin and fuel for Kenya and Uganda at the lowest possible prices. The present article shows that a refinery is not the hazardous and costly venture that some may think.

Refining crude oil in proximity to the source of consumption, rather than at the source of production of the crude, is now largely the established policy of some of the biggest oil companies; for instance, oil from Persia is sent in enormous quantities to Australia, France, England, Scotland and elsewhere for refining. Why, then, should crude oil not be brought from some suitable field for treatment in Kenya?

Since crude oils vary very considerably in their nature, only a general outline of refining needs to be considered here, for the final decision as to the best type of plant must be made by experts after the description of crude is fixed.

Petroleum is a mobile liquid of a dark colour, slightly lighter than water, consisting, among other things, of the following compounds of carbon and hydrogen, called hydrocarbons, forming complex mixtures with oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, which are usually regarded as impurities. Sulphur bodies are certainly regarded as impurities, as the presence is usually unwelcome in petroleum products beyond small limits, and a considerable proportion of refining operations are devoted to their removal. Sulphur bodies, or "sulphur spirit" or petrol cause corrosion of cuttings flats, whilst in kerosene or paraffin oil they are partly responsible for smoke in the flame, but of fuel oil the matter is immaterial.

Refining Means

Although petroleum is usually treated essentially in two ways, they fundamentally differ. One method is to separate the various fractions of the crude by means of fractional distillation into the products most in demand. By this is meant that on heating crude oil the lightest bodies, forming the motor spirits of camphene, pass off first and can be condensed, then at a higher temperature the heaviest fractions pass off, leaving in the still a residue which is usually shale oil, but if oil is heated, petrol and kerosene issues from the still, and the residue is then cooled for use as fuel.

The amount of petrol and kerosene that can be obtained varies with the crude oil from different fields. Moreover, in some cases all the petrol and kerosene will be removed and the residue will still be left, enough to flow readily and be suitable for use as fuel oil. With others, if all the kerosene were removed, the residue would be too thick for use as fuel oil, and so a portion of the kerosene has to be left in to exert a combustible fuel.

Crude oil can be similarly distilled to give as final products numerous types of mineral oil, such as paraffin, heavy asphalt bodies, such as creosote, and so on, depending on the nature of the crude.

While Diesel oil used for internal combustion engines, or a heavy residual oil used as fuel for boilers and furnaces, is easily made from most fuels.

Mombasa or Nairobi?

Is Mombasa or Nairobi more suited for a refinery? The question requires very careful consideration on account of local conditions and technical problems. Because the bulk of the petrol and kerosene trade is up-country, it is reasonable to assume that the refinery must be there also. In view, Mombasa would seem to be the better situation.

The chief disadvantages of a refinery at Nairobi would be that instead of the crude being transferred direct from tank steamer to refinery tanks, the oil would have to be pumped to a separate storage installation and from there transferred to railway tank cars to feed the up-country refinery. Now crude oils just as dangerous as the petrol it contains, and the same precautions have to be taken in transport. Moreover, all transfer of crude oil involves a shalling of the lightest products—the cream of the crude—and therefore the fewer trans-

ports the better. Many other points need consideration before selecting a site for a refinery, such as (a) transportation facilities for crude oil, refining materials and finished products; (b) suitable topography; (c) good soil for foundations; (d) ample water supply; (e) good drainage conditions, and (f) suitable labour supply.

Planning the Refinery

It is difficult to estimate the area required for a refinery until the exact plant to be installed is decided, e.g. to lessen the risk of fire all the various portions of the plant should be kept well apart and the storage tanks should be so spaced that there is room to erect an embankment around each one to retain the entire contents and prevent oil spilling in the event of an accident. It is a good idea to have a road leading to every part of the plant, and where supplies of crude depend on rail or water transport, it is also customary to have sufficient storage accommodation for a three month's supply of oil.

The plant required need be neither very complicated nor very expensive for a 100-ton-a-day refinery producing chiefly petrol, kerosene and fuel oil, with possibly, as and when required, a few subsidiary products. The raw material which may be available is shale oil and the plant so designed and spaced as to allow of ready extension in all directions. Shale oil should be any need to employ any particular plant such as shale roasters, which will have to be paid. At the start it would also not be necessary to consider any of the modern forms of cracking. Plants for high heavier products are developed into lighter and more valuable products. Several methods of refining in general use on a large scale would be of doubtful economy on a small scale.

Distilling the Crude Oil

The still is generally a horizontal steel shell about 20 feet long and 10 to 12 feet in diameter—much like a

Lancashire boiler set in insulated brickwork and fitted with a dome with a vapour pipe leading to a condenser which consists of coils of pipes in a tank through which water can be circulated for cooling purposes. The still is heated underneath, usually with burning fuel oil, whilst the contents can be heated by means of steam.

If such a still is charged with crude oil and heated, the light petrol distillate and its impurities will first pass into the condenser as vapour and be cooled to a liquid and flow to a storage tank, at a higher temperature the heavier crude kerosene will follow and go to another tank. If the still is then allowed to cool the residue, if suitable, may be run to storage for sale as tub oil. This is termed the intermittent method of distillation, which is not often employed these days.

The general practice now is to have a series of such stills so placed that they can follow at one end through each other and out the other end. Each still is heated to a higher temperature than the previous, so that the results that from each stills commences a product slightly heavier than the oil preceding. No heat is wasted, for the hot oil is passed through coils surrounded by the cold fresh oil on its way to the next still, the residue thus giving up its heat and warming and heating the crude, and thereby saving a great deal more oil. This must be maintained at approximately constant temperatures and run without the minimum of attention for long periods, but this method, known as continuous distillation, is highly amenable for the refineries and it is difficult to conceive of a more economic method of treating crude oil.

Another more economical method of treating combustible oil crude oil on a small scale would be to employ a simple floating still—a form of tower in which the oil enters at the top and flows downwards over a series of perforated plates, at the same time meeting an upward current of super-heated steam. As the oil falls the steam passes off at the top carrying with it the lighter products leaving the crude behind. The residue passes down the base of the tower.

A larger plant for treating crude oil for control purposes is the floating column. This is a type of crude still, but on a larger scale, consisting of a small through tube, a large cross section area, 10 tons of capacity, and producing two qualities of motor spirit, lamp oil and fuel oil could be purchased and erected for those who so desire. The principle is that of a coil of pipe set in a furnace fire which can be heated to any desired temperature. The oil in the passage through the pipe becomes heated under pressure but does not boil. The oil then passes into a chamber above the fire and rises through a vertical pipe which is connected to a reservoir. The different products being separated and passed to different storage tanks. The hot oil leaves the bottom of the chamber and makes its way to storage, gives up its heat to the cold crude oil as it goes to the heated coils. There are several well-known forms of this still, one patented type known as the Trumble being very widely used in America.

Refining the Products of Distillation.

We will assume that the refinery is chiefly required to produce motor spirit (known also as petrol and benzine), the grades suitable for light and heavy internal combustion engines. These are also called paraffin, illuminating oil, lamp oil, kerosene, and the portion containing the sulphuric acid has

first to be redistilled with steam. On a 100-ton refinery a special benzine still will be worked intermittently as required. At the present time the spirit has been sold in cans for temporary storage for treatment with sulphuric acid to produce some benzines thus produced are so pure as to be ready for the market without further treatment or refining. This is because too many impurities—sulphur, tarry and chlorinated bodies—and have to undergo further treatment in a greater.

Until chemical methods of removing impurities had in modern practice given way to more physical methods of filtering the crude kerosene through beds of bauxite, fuller's earth or some suitable clay. Such substances remove the objectionable sulphur impurities and also filter out certain organic ultra-violet rays from the oil. Their use is simple and economical since the mineral is frequently be dry-roasted and so purified ready for use and with very little trouble and the minimum of waste and mechanical loss.

Marketing Distribution.

The distribution of the products calls for considerable separate consideration and is largely a matter of policy. In most big oil refineries the products are handled in bulk to a separate organisation for storage and distribution, but such a scheme might hardly be feasible on a small scale and might entail considerable unnecessary expenditure without sufficient ensuing advantages.

The staff required a refinery would not be large, but is the more important, as it requires specialists. The manager is usually a chemist with considerable experience, and a works manager, administrator, and accountant. Some junior oil refinery engineer and the foreman to be responsible for the control of the maintenance and repair of the plant and of labour in general, whilst the chemist is responsible for the control of the refinery operations, process and laboratory workers and the quality of the finished products. For a 100-ton refinery the only engineering and foremen staff would be about 10, but a refinery has been "planted" in many parts of the world, and natives can be trained to control the operations to a large extent, and it would be an incentive to hire some native workers with a good knowledge.

East Africa Trade.

It is important that this sketchy account of a small refinery is sufficient to dispel the idea that a refinery in Kenya would necessarily be a costly and dangerous venture and therefore as some would have us believe, doomed to failure. An experienced hand should absolutely instil a sense of security in a scheme which not only provides a profitable concern, but also a service to Kenya and the African countries, and produces petroleum products at reasonably low prices to our buyers, whilst the country would attain full independence from the importation of foreign products. The refinery and its ramifications would moreover be employment in various directions.

Editor and Staff

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return sincere thanks for the many expressions of goodwill received during the Christmas season.

WHITE WOMEN IN THE TROPICS

Causes of Discontent and Suggested Remedies.

Right & Correspondence.

Why do white women tire in the tropics? It is a certainty that many of them do, and it is no use pointing to the exceptions. The white woman in East Africa for instance, is often discontented, listless, and less filled with kindly moods, depression, pessimism, weariness of spirit, than is often the first symptom of old age.

This cannot all be put down to the climate which is often blighted. I have lived in India and Australia most of my adult life. I have suffered the damp heat of the coast in both continents. I have travelled in the cool freshness of the hills near the equator, and I do not think there can be a doubt that in all parts of the tropics there is a constant drain on one's vitality. A sense of insecurity compels us to live this, and therefore within two years an English Africa is equal to three at home for our physical energies, activities, and drive.

A Question of Mental Attitude.

As I think I may claim to be qualified, I want to show the reasons why so many white women—and especially with Englishwomen—never learn to get along well in East African conditions as easily as the native folk do. Simply, I think it is mainly a question of mental attitude—making the best of what they can't help learning. I believe that we have often unthinkingly adopted a mental attitude.

Whenever I return to England and see how many of my friends are living, working, and bringing up their children in gloom, smoky, smothered, sunless towns, I wonder if the English climate has so much to recommend it. And I think the uncomfortable cage of brick and plaster which is England is not an average house; the discomfort of wearing too little or too thin in summer or too heavy for the violence of sun and autumn, the eternal harassment of servants, the rash, the nervous, the weariness of the British climate, the dreary, the barrenness of the British winter, the do-and-go-for-it atmosphere of the English conditions for the average woman, yet I would say that there are greater proportions of discontented Englishwomen in the population of the British Isles than in East Africa.

The Right and the Wrong Type.

What is the state of affairs attributed to the first or under-class? Am I not speaking of the married women who live in the city of East Africa? They are the same sort of people as the general public in the states, and so are the wives and daughters of the middle class. But the general standard of life among the English is far greater than the English home. The responsible husbands are fewer in proportion, or may be noted as a curious but understandable fact that men from the tropical colonies seem to look for their mate's among the workmen saved for the life out here. This is shown in a certain, at least, among the English, after seven years of residence. Between the first ten years seems to be the difference, the more or less passive, apathetic, and less active type of the Englishman.

Next, the wives of the English, coming or brought up in the city, are usually sensible girls, some of whom are quite suitable for colonizing life or

arts at least adaptable. She is a restless girl, with her cleverness in getting full value for her money, her desire to live in an off-contriving dairy, things for herself, but practically nothing in the way of materials, and her skill in devising a comfortable home for her man on a small salary is one specimen of the type I mean. The country girl or the open-air sports girl hardened to exposure and prepared to rough it, changed by a camp, and the rest is another considerable specimen. Yet so many of both kinds of girls fail to settle down to make the best of things, or regard themselves too much that she misses. Possibly the reason is that marriage for most white women in East Africa usually means a severe loss to their scale of values, financial, and moral. I fancy this as the real reason. Among the causes that lead to discontent among white girls women in the tropics the most prevalent is their attitude towards native servants. Here is a scale of ethical values that needs severe readjustment by most Englishwomen when they come out from home.

There are two extremes. Women either grumble at the boys all day long or they hand over the key and allow themselves to be "run" by the cook. Both extremes do not fit the case may be. The former look upon every native as a good bird, and the other type never tolerate any criticism of their favourites. In both cases there is a lack of proportion and a tendency to run away from the side of home-life.

Lack of Exercise.

Lack of exercise is another great fault. I do not mean games, such as golf and tennis, which are generally played by women with great vigour in the evenings, after a day spent either in reading over a novel in an easy-chair, punctuated perhaps by a cross-scance over eleven o'clock tea at some neighbour's house, or heavy midday meal and an afternoon nap or torpor. Dancing is an excellent exercise, but it is always feasible.

All women should undertake some work actively about the house, and not stay at home to run an "easier," as so often said. They need not do dusting or hard "chores," but they should clean the sofa chair. They should take a walk of dressing in the morning. Home drills making the arrangement of the flowers in the house and the making of little dishes for lunch, even if only a light pudding—an avoidable distraction with the exception of cooking and mending, which are elementary necessities.

Women terminate childhood to become adults. Large is not the move, but after a few years with the kids in, home to school, this interest also passes. If the woman is true to her husband and does not leave him to a lonely existence, she too often starts cleaning and mopping him in her case also the almost universal discontent seen.

A Natural Hobby.

In my humble opinion there is one thing, and one thing only, that can keep a white woman's nature alive and save in the tropics. That is an absorbing hobby, a natural hobby. I say "natural," because it is with this was stamp-collecting, sewing, cross-stitch, &c., Jews. Even reading, painting, and music, are no real present help in the tropics.

for they are artificial. Without the stimulus of an exchange of ideas on what one has read—and how rare that is in East Africa—or hearing good music except on an indifferent gramophone or the seeing of good pictures—all those accomplishments which for the most part are purely pleasurable, out here increase discontent. The practice of such hobbies by women without real talent only leads to regrets at being cut off from the fine execution of these arts within the reach of the smallest purse at home.

My advice to white women old or young is to turn back to nature. *Cultivate a garden.* Flowers and vegetables grow so joyously and easily in most East African soils. They repay attention, a hundredfold. Pruning, trimming and bedding out can be done in the cool hours of the morning and evening. Pleasant work, they can be too, especially before breakfast. All these tasks bring one in contact. There is no exercise so fine for the figure as gardening and its influence has a sweetening and wholesome effect on every human being. Nor is there another art—and it is an art—which so surely relays one in peace of mind.

Keep Animals.

My best advice is to keep animals. *Surround yourself with pets.* Unfortunately horses, cattle and dogs have many enemies in this country, and desperation sets in. I have never yet been able where, with a little thought, I have not been able to buy my own herd of cows from which to get milk, butter, and often cheese. Poultry, too, are a good investment.

Apart from domesticated animals, there is infinite variety and infinite joy in the rearing of the numberless small African antelope, dik-dik, gazelles, and birds like the golden-crested crane, the amusing gray-talking parrot, and green love-birds, chameleon, comical mannikin, etc. Often it is a work of mercy to rescue the animals from the Natives who bring them in for sale. The devotion of a faithful dog or horse is a wonderful thing.

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THE PRONUNCIATION OF KENYA.

Letter from H. E. MR. A. C. HOYLE.

To the Editor of EAST AFRICA.

I was unaware until I read Mr. Reynolds' letter published in your issue of November 13, 1895, that "Kenya" Committee on Geographical Names had recommended Kenya and not Mombasa, as the correct pronunciation of the Mombasa Colony and Protectorate. The application of the derivation of Kenya which I gave in my letter to the *Editor* on July 20 (an extract from my letter appearing in your issue of September 17) was obtained from the Masai many years ago and has been repeated to me on more than one occasion since.

I have frequently heard the Kikuyu calling Kijiriyaya (which is a high, craggy portion of Kijiriyaya-wagao (big mountain), but it is only within the past few days that I have learnt from two elderly natives, however, situated for some years in districts near the mountain, that a name of those parts and the "Kikuyu" language, which is the language of Kijiriyaya-Kenya or Kenya, and which the Kikuyu claim appears stepmother than the Masai.

As well known, the mountain was discovered by Dr. Keny, who spells the name either Kenna or Kenya, and he states on several occasions that this is the name by which it is known to the Kamba, whose territory he penetrated, viz. Kilimandjaro and Kilimambogo. In fact, I remember him as having said that there was no name as far as he knew from the Kikuyu, and I have heard any other.

It seems interesting that of the numerous pamphlets and publications who travelled through and wrote concerning the Territory that was formerly known as the East Africa Protectorate, not one so far as I have been able to ascertain has hinted at the word being pronounced Kenya or Kenya or Kenya. I have consulted the books on public documents of Joseph Thomson, Von Heckendorff, Dr. K. L. Peacock, Mr. F. Lugard, Professor Gregor, Dr. J. W. Lehmann, Sir A. Hardinge, Sir H. M. Sturges, Captain G. W. Scott, Mr. G. E. Balfour, Captain

Sir C. Eliot, Mr. Routledge, Mr. Holley ("The Kamba and other East African tribes") and Major Orde-Browne.

One can scarcely imagine that Sir H. Johnson, for instance (who was probably the first to write Kenya instead of Kenna), would accept this method of spelling the word unless he was satisfied that it was correct; and the same may be said of Sir C. Eliot, who travelled extensively throughout East Africa between 1866 and 1868, and visited all the districts of the interior, and other parts of the Kamba country.

Of interest in this connection is an article by Dr. Krapp which appears as an appendix in "Researches and Missionary labours" (Tauchner and Co., 1869), written in reply to Mr. Cossey's "East Africa and Zanzibar," in which an attempt was made to disprove the existence of snow-capped mountains in Central Africa. After describing Kilima Njaro, Dr. Krapp writes: "The second snow-capped mountain bears various names among the Native tribes. The Kamba call it Kenna; the Masai call it Kienya; the Maasai, while adding other names, also call it Kienya; the Nilotics call it Keenya; the Kikuyu call it Gridome, etc." (sic). Mombasa, it has only been used by myself (on December 8, 1849). Elsewhere in the book Dr. Krapp states that the Lemba name is Kienya, but what I wish to call attention to is the name Kienya Kenna, which I think must be the Masai pronunciation. That is, after all, the Hamitic name. This supports the derivation given in my last.

It would be interesting to know if any of our friends could even find a record of any name for this mountain. Kijiriyaya is Kijiria or Kinya. It seems to be a pity that the original pronunciation of the name, which has been known to Europeans for three-quarters of a century, and which is still used by a large number of Natives, has not been retained, especially as it has been decided that the name shall still be written Kenya.

Your obedient servant,

A. C. HOYLE.

The Residency
Zanzibar

LAND ATTRACTIONS OF KENYA.

TOBACCO CULTURE.

By A Special Agricultural Correspondent.

The highly technical nature of the tobacco industry from the preliminary choice of seed and selection of soil through all its multitudinous departments of planting, rearing, picking, drying and curing, are so formidable and awe-inspiring to the novice that it can hardly be wondered if he prefers to preserve his only acquaintance with the fragrant weed through the medium of the perfected manufactured commodity, as supplied by a shop.

Yet to-day tobacco-growing is one of the world's great industries, and through the medium of the great companies or trusts which specialise in the standardisation, preparation and distribution of the finished article, hundreds of thousands of men in all parts and conditions obtain subsistence, and in many cases an ample competence.

So far as Kenya is concerned, tobacco-growing is in its infancy, for only a very tiny percentage of her settler population knows anything about the practical side of the business, and in consequence the majority have hitherto preferred to meditate about a moderate smoking influence of a pipe of milder tobacco.

ATTRACTION TO TOBACCO FARMERS.

Yet Africa has for a decade been steadily assuming a pre-eminence among other countries producing Tobacco. South Africa has for many years supplied its white inhabitants with enormous brands of the simply made, big, cool and grateful Boer tobacco, the taste and taste of which has not only followed the penetration of white men who are pipe smokers into all parts of the continent, but has rendered it increasingly popular in other lands, including London, that home of carefully prepared and sumptuously concocted pipe tobacco and mixtures.

In the northern land of the African continent, too, tobacco have been assuming a steadily increasing importance, perhaps amongst the most striking in quality goods of all kinds. Both Rhodesia and Nyasaland have developed a sound and growing business in their tobacco. After a certain amount of acquainting with the Turkish and Egyptian sorts, those territories are more and more settling down to produce the true white man's tobacco, namely, tobaccos that are basically Virginian in character.

It is to be noted, however, although the Rhodesians and Nyassans grow their own tobacco, they do not, as a rule, offer for sale, under weird, secret methods, often enough such quaint additions as the kidney fat of certain animals as important ingredients.

It is therefore hardly surprising that some intelligent people believe there exists in fertile, varied Rhodesia considerable possibilities for this crop, for when the practical difficulties of the industry of growth, the energy and concentration of mind necessary to face the uphill task of teaching themselves how to produce it.

THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD IN KENYA.

For many years now, the East African Agricultural Department has tried through

local results appear to have flowed from his endeavours, except perhaps a few tons of a dreadfully pungent and overpowering sample of tobacco prepared by him at Nairobi which the wily author permitted the authorities to get rid of by suspending and commanding troops that served in the African campaign—the very fact that an expert at some time existed has kept the memory and potentialities of the industry green in the minds of a proportion of Kenyan settlers.

At the present time, indeed, at all times since the country was occupied, a few economically minded farmers, mostly South Africans with some knowledge of the crop, have grown tobacco for their own needs, and to their own satisfaction, if not always to that of friends or visitors. But there is to-day only one estate which has settled down seriously to the task of making its name on the world's markets for high-grade Kenya tobacco.

At Lukeina, near Voi River station, close to Nairobi, experiments with this crop have been carried on over quite a long series of years, and the owner is now satisfied that he has chosen, on his property, dominated by the great granite eminence that gives it the above name, an area second to none in the world for the production of bright tobacco.

THE QUESTION OF SOIL.

Possibly the main cause for the backwardness of the profitable planting business in Kenya has been the excessive richness and strength of the soils hitherto chiefly favoured and exploited by the settlers. The sulphuriferous sandless loams are dark red to chocolate colour and of volcanic origin so popular for coffee, citrus, sisal, maize, etc., appear to be entirely unsuited for tobacco, unless the object is to grow coarse varieties in order to secure the heaviest possible proportion of nicotine for insecticide or dip-making purposes.

This economic plant, if true, grows freely, but to say frankly, on all the rich soils of Kenya, but as a pipe cigar or cigarette tobacco it is usually a failure, owing to the drug-like strength which it possesses. The secret of turning out a successful, mild, commercial, bright-coloured commodity has really been bound up with the discovery of a sufficiently moist, sandy yet productive soil not handicapped with the drawbacks previously shown by ordinary loamy earth.

This has been the lesson all along. Mr. Frank Hill has pioneered this industry until all the main difficulties have been surmounted and the trail blazed for many others who will be able quickly to attain success as a result of the patient investigations and experiments conducted on this project.

A PIONEER ESTATE.

Lukemba Estate possesses nearly 7,000 acres of which all the land is composed of a thin, deep, sandy soil, which balances the balance of a dry, arid, west or semi-arid land and a considerable area of pasture.

At the time of my visit to Mr. Frank Hill, the owner, leaf picking was in full swing on his experimental patches of a few acres. Wakamba labourers, who take kindly to this light class of work, were busily engaged in stripping the mottled green and yellow leaves, which are strung in skeins bundles over sticks supported on parallel poles, to the number of about forty for each pair of the latter. Here the leaf is withered in the sun, and then later in the day carried to the ovens, which constitute the main feature of undergoing its first minor treatment. All buildings and outbuildings, especially those made of stone and mortar, through which the soil is easily passed,

The American was turned away sometimes this far, twice in this twenty years. My year, the year you watered long ago.

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The seed used on Lukemba is specially imported American bright Virginia; and so excellent a quality was turned out last year that the consignment forwarded to London was valued at £1,000 per ton. As something like 8 cwt. can be grown to the acre on this farm the returns promise to be highly remunerative. The average personnel required per annum on this highly intensive farm is one white man and twenty natives to every five acres.

At present at Lukemba was at the driest time of the year, there already nursery beds containing millions of young plants, carefully weeded, shaded and watered, were growing for transplantation in the long rains which break in Kenya at end of March. This estate starts at tobacco growing on a commercial scale largely to be able to meet up with vigorous development of the industry. Neighboring neighbours along the base of Lukemba with similar soil are turning their attention to it, and there are further considerable though scattered areas of kindred country to be found by those taking the trouble to look for it.

A Promising Outlook.

His commencement of serious production of tobacco has not escaped the keen eyes of the great Imperial Tobacco Company, Ltd., and they have already had a representative up there looking into matters. The country is altogether too young to be able to support an up-to-date manufacturing installation, yet perhaps the day is not so far distant when it will be able to do so.

The innate conservatism of the native tribes to certain customs is breaking down and today many natives indulge in the habit. These young Africans will, of course, eventually form the big

market, for their population amounts to close on three millions, with another seven million across the borders, as compared with one million whites, though it is to be hoped that this vast increase within the next few years will not be accompanied by a corresponding increase in consumption of five million cigarettes per diem.

This would probably warrant the erection and establishment of a suitable tobacco replicating and cigarette making plant, and the African is hardly likely to require the same expensive encouragement and education in the cigarette habit that was necessary in India before the business of the Imperial Tobacco Company became thoroughly rooted there.

A common report has it that for several years it was found necessary to sell cigarettes in India at considerably below price, since the traditional and universal use of the insatiable and arduous hookah pipe was inveterate. To accomplish this an extremely heavy loss over a period of years had to be faced. Since the corner was turned and India has taken unreservedly to the little paper-faced cylinders of tobacco, a net return of very satisfactory and ample dimensions per annum has fully compensated the great business concern for all the risk and trouble it underwent in introducing this now indispensable luxury to the teeming millions of our great Asian dependency.

Before Kenya can supply the potential market for tobacco within or at its own doors an enormous increase in the production of this profitable crop will have to be undertaken. It ought not to be difficult to recruit adherents to one of the most interesting and healthy outdoor industries known to men when it becomes thoroughly realised that something up to £100 per acre gross is to be earned at it.



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LIVINGSTONIA'S JUBILEE

The celebration of the jubilee of the Livingstonia Mission is an event not only of importance in the history of Nyasaland, but also presents several interesting features unique both in the annals of missionary enterprise and of colonial expansion, says the *Chichester Guardian*. Livingstonia itself stands out at high pavements above the northern end of Lake Nyasa. The Governor, however, Sir Charles Bowring, and his staff arrived by motor-car from Zomba. This was the first occasion on which the main north road of the Protectorate had been open so far for motor transport other than that of motor cycles.

The date chosen for the celebration was not that of the first foundation of the mission, but the anniversary of the day October 12, 1875, when the pioneer party, having triumphantly overcome all obstacles on the Zambezi and Shire rivers and the portage-bound tributary Cataracts, sailed their little steamer, the "Hala," on to the broad waters of Lake Nyasa, singing the Hallelujah Psalm and claiming the surrounding land as God's inheritance.

Admirable as the mission council and the Presbytery of the native church had been timed to coincide with this date, and a number of old men survivors of the time when the tribes harried one another in war and slave raids, had been invited to attend. On Saturday morning a gathering was held at which a number of these warriors gave an account of their experiences in the early days of the mission, by whom man on his arrival, and the discussions were used to obtain as to the nature of these new creatures whose ways were mere animals or gods.

Sunday morning three native pastors were ordained to the ministry of the Church of Central Africa (Presbyterian). In the afternoon Dr. Laws gave an account of the origin of the Mission. On Monday morning October 12, under a large temporary grass shade there met on the site of the future Overtoom Educational Institution a meeting consisting of the Revs. Dr. Laws, and the Missionaries, an elder of Nyasaland and party together with representatives of the commercial and planting interests, and seven hundred Natives.

The platform was decorated with the original white dove of the "Hala," and the banner of the Mission, carrying a white dove bearing a branch in its wings. The proceedings began with the singing of the "Hallelujah Psalm," reading of the 33rd chapter of Isaiah. Then Dr. Laws gave a brief summary of the history of the work of the Mission.

Since the entry into an unknown land of darkness and danger, the work has progressed all known. There is a Native church duly organised as a Presbytery of the Church of Central Africa (Presbyterian), with eleven ministers, a membership of 9,000, and a large Christian community whose influence is increasing, yet over this wide land and is driving out the superstition and fear which formerly reigned supreme. A network of nearly 800 schools, with over 1,500 Native teachers and 43,000 pupils, covers the whole area, and this enlightening force culminates and crown in the work of the Overtoom Institution.

The Governor laying the memorial stone, which is also the "foundation-stone" of the Overtoom Institution Educational Building, said, "I left the country in 1890 and now find myself back again after 2 years. I therefore see a change, and that from the point of view of one absent, the change was taking place. Having established himself at Livingstonia, Dr. Laws undertook what should have been the duty of the Government. His medical and educational work have been invaluable to us, and when I paid you to my successor we shall have, in these two branches, the same co-operation between missions and the Government.

"It is a coincidence that this very month, when this foundation stone has been laid, news of the appointment of the Government Director of Education is known that this small beginning will lead to much greater things, and that before long the Director himself may be present here at the opening of this Institution. All European communities know that education cannot make sound progress without being based on religious foundations. The Colonial Office has recently appointed a separate educational branch, and missionary societies may be assured that they will be supported and aided by the Government."



PERSONALIA

The retirement of Dr. A. E. van Saaren, Senior Medical Officer, Uganda, has been gazetted.

Mr. J. W. Monson, who will be remembered by many Kenya settlers, is, we understand, at present in Italy.

The Memoirs of Field Marshal Lord Grenfell have been published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton at 21s. net.

Lieut.-General Sir A. Hunter-Weston, M.C., is to spend the Parliamentary vacation in South Africa and Southern and Northern Rhodesia.

Mrs. R. T. Gaunt, the newly appointed Director of Education for Nyasaland, is the latest West Coast official to be transferred to East Africa.

The *Sudan Herald* understands that Major G. H. Straker is shortly to undertake a shooting trip in British Mongolia and the Belgian Congo.

The Viceroy's Sabut, who married a daughter of Mrs. Schlesinger, is reported to be visiting Kenya, which colony he proposed to do up during his stay.

The Rev. B. J. Ratcliffe, of Meru, Kenya, who is now home on leave, is spending some time in Middlesbrough, in which town he was a pastor from 1915 to 1920.

Messrs. E. A. Nash, K. Isaac, J. F. J. and Frank C. M. Boys, Finsbury, M.C., are among the three men who have recently been elected Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute.

It is generally believed that an expedition is being undertaken by a number of sportsmen and others in connection with the trip of the White Nile. London East African guides were taking off of the expedition half a dozen men.

Mr. S. W. Hunter-Davies, whose connection with Uganda dates back more than twenty-two years, left London via East Africa about the third week in January. He will probably remain in the City for a month.

We learn with regret of the death of Mr. Ralph Davis, manager of the Nakuru Hotel, a popular personality in the Kenya Highlands. Deceased was a brother of Mr. A. Davis, the well-known Nairobi business man and journalist.

Sir H. A. F. Lindsay, a member of the Indian Legislative Council, who recently visited Uganda was appointed to dinner by the Central Council of the Indian Association of the Protectorate. Bishop Windfuhr, Mr. A. D. Jones, Judge Hammer, Captain Mullin, Sir G. M. Williams, Mr. J. Abrahams, Mr. H. C. S. C. Adams, Mr. K. K. Bussem, Mr. J. G. Smith and a number of other prominent members of the Indian community were present.

Colonel W. H. Pendleton appointed to take charge of the new Eastern African Trade Office in London is welcomed by Mr. W. H. Pendleton, *Dispatch*, which says that the choice is particularly pleasing to Manchester exporters of cotton piece goods.

Admiral Alexander Plantagenet Hastings, C.B., who has just passed away in his eighty-fifth year, took part in the operations in Egypt in 1882 and 1884. He was afterwards appointed to command the brigade landed for the protection of Suakin, later acting as Governor of Massowah.

The "Mumbra," which left London for East Africa on Christmas Eve, has amongst her passengers for Mombasa Mr. Richard Lupton, Mr. John Ward, Lady Ramsden, Colonel U. O. Thynne, and Colonel C. B. Wood. By the same ship Capt. and Mrs. A. J. Poole are outward bound for Zanzibar.

The December issue of *United Empire*, the Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute, has unusual interest to East Africans, for among the contents are Mr. G. H. Leppert's article on the Zambezi Bridge, that of Mr. Reynolds Rohan putting the case for Constitutional Reunion in Mauritius, the text of Sir Halford Mackinder's address on the English Tradition and the Empire, a brief report of the Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby Gore's lecture in Cambridge on "East Africa," an editorial tribute to Thomas French's work for the Empire in Berlin, and a review of Mr. Martin's volume, "Stalking Big Game with a Camera."

The Arusha Chess Club, to the probable formation of which we recently referred, was constituted at the end of October with an initial membership of twenty, and with the hope of doubling the number within a short time. Mr. Ronald Bloom was elected President, Mr. C. D. Watt Vice-President, and Mr. S. D. Cathcart, the convenor.

Mr. J. C. Hartley and Mr. J. C. Hartley, the other committee men are Mr. A. M. G. Hartley, Mr. C. Wilkinson, and Mr. J. L. Fairclough. A cordial invitation is issued to visitors passing through Arusha to visit the Club, where members will endeavour to give them a good game.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments with Pay Commission
and other local awards by the Government of the Colonies during the last month.

Kenya—Lieutenant F. C. Kelly, B.Sc., Chemical Officer, Medical Department; Colonel C. W. G. Walker, D.S.O., Secretary to the Conference of Governors of East Africa, Nairobi.

Tanganyika—Mr. B. A. Coghlan, M.B., Ch.B., B.A., Medical Officer.

Uganda—Lieutenant W. N. K. Lee, Master in English Language and English subjects, Makerere College; Mr. C. A. Williams, Cadet, Administrative Department.

Recent transfers and promotions made by the Secretary of State are as follows:

Mr. J. L. G. Gower, Solicitor General, Kenya, to be Puisne Judge, Tanzania; Mr. R. F. Gaunt, Inspector and Schoolmaster, Education Department, Nyeri, to be Director of Education, Nyasaland.

EAST AFRICAN TRADE NOTES.

Linen, attracting a good deal of attention at Lusaka. Plants look healthy and planters are optimistic.

Reports on the maize and wheat crop in the Trans-Nzoia and Uasin Gishu continue favourable and good rains have made a fair crop assured.

In Uganda, the question of the report is mixed and prospects for the coming season are good. September was a hot and dry month but rains are now widely distributed and are having a beneficial effect upon the whole cotton crop, the acreage of which has slightly increased.

There has been a setback in the market price of rubber, but with labour conditions easier an increased production is expected.

The Bukenya coffee season is drawing to a close and prices have remained satisfactory throughout.

Keen competition still exists in the Mwanza rice market and supplies are plentiful.

Latest report that several sisal estates are again producing, but the labour question is difficult.

Exports of cloves from Zanzibar have increased and the new crop is coming in well.

During October, general Native trade conditions in Nyasaland showed some improvement probably owing to the realisation of the Native cotton crop, which is the largest on record.

The second picking of cotton has been remarkably good and the crop is now certain to show an increase on that of last year while the quality is above the average.

The increase in the number of Native immigrants to the cotton fields of the Natives on their own account is giving rise to fears of a repetition of the trouble of the coming season.—From the last monthly Report of the Standard Bank of South Africa.

TROPICAL HYGIENE.

AFRICAN educationists who have deplored the lack of suitable elementary text books for use of Native children will be interested to learn that Blacklock's "Elementary Course in Tropical Hygiene," Part I published by Messrs. Long, Bald & Scott and Danielsson, Ltd., for the Tropical Diseases Bureau, is now ready. It is a booklet of under fifty pages written in simple language and interesting form for the child mind, and, as Dr. Andrew Hallinan, the Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine says in his preface, it should induce many simple boys and girls in Tropical Africa to cultivate the observant eye and inquiring mind of Munya Lemura, the ten-year-old youngster whose story concludes the morals. Dr. Blacklock sees its importance.

The author reminds us that in the tropics we may see a schoolboy ignorant of the cause of malaria clasping a book of science close to his emaciated spleen, and may hear a learned P.A. discourse on the philosophy of John Stuart Mill the while mosquitoes buzz in the hot muggers of his house and rats scamper over the refuse heap in his yard. There was need for a simple course in elementary tropical hygiene, and Dr. Blacklock has supplied the want. Part II we understand should be ready early in February.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Vivian:—Tanganyika.—Your letter is in receipt and will have been published had it been accompanied by your name and address. In Africa, however, it is an inviolable rule to disregard letters not so distinguished though the Editor, of course, never violates the identity of anonymous correspondents.

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TRADE OF MANICA AND SOFALA IN 1924

Increased Percentage of British Imports.

By J. R. Correspondent.

The annual statistical statement for 1924 relating to the trade of the Mozambique Colony's Territory of Manica and Sofala issued by the Director of Customs shows that the total commercial movement amounted to £1,178,000, compared with £1,128,000 in 1923, an increase of £50,000. Local imports were valued at £1,001,170, an increase of £86,000; and local exports at £1,057,885, a decrease of £139,972. Re-exports, transit, transhipment and coasting traffic together amounted to £10,503,200, an increase of £1,50,003 over the previous year. Exports included gold produced in the territory to the value of £3,600, a small increase over the 1923 figures (£7,000).

Countries of Origin.

The total value of imports for local consumption (exclusive of specie and bullion) was 4,730 gold contos (gold conto = £1). The principal source of supply with the value of imports in gold contos obtained from each country in 1923 and 1924, were as follows:

Countries	1923	1924	Increase
Great Britain	1,292	924	+16%
Portuguese Colonies	755	676	-10%
Holland	553	36	+147%
Germany	501	355	+14%
Rhodesia	347	376	+8%
United States	319	321	+0%
East Asia	303	300	-1%
British High Commissioned Estates	295	417	+41%
Belgium	154	119	-23%
Denmark	15	35	+17%
Other Countries	28	—	—

The fluctuations in the percentages of imports supplied by Great Britain, Germany, the United States and Belgium in each year since the end of the war are set out below:

Years	Belgium	Germany	U.S.A.	Belgium
1910	22.5	2	16	—
1920	14.9	10.3	2	3.5
1922	20.1	—	—	13.0
1923	21.2	8.6	11.1	—
1924	27.3	11.5	9.7	5.0

Germany Rising Ground.

It will be seen that Great Britain has had a steady decline in the percentage of imports during the last two abnormal years, while Germany has increased every year; the low watermark was reached in 1923. Germany has gained fresh ground, and so has Holland. Imports from the latter country amounted to 11% of the total in 1924, compared with less than 1% in 1923. This seems to have to be at least partly at the expense of Belgium, which has sunk from fourth to ninth in the list of countries of origin. In 1923 it occupied third place in the list, but its reasons for decline were mainly due to the fall in the value of its imports in Manica and Sofala, while in 1924 the value nearly doubled the figure of 1923, yet still did not exceed 1% of the total imports.

The quantities in metric tons unless otherwise stated of some classes of imports, together with the proportion obtained from the principal source of supply, are given below:—The first figures being the total imports in each case:

Tea, 10,661, or 1 metric tons; Germany 2,428, Britain 6,422, Belgium 6,620; Norway 44, Portuguese Colonies 243.

Gold, 1,146, or 10 metric tons; Britain 658, Belgium 679, Germany 422, Portugal 117, France 101.

Iron and Steel pipes, etc. (total 110 metric tons)—

Britain, or British Possessions 28; France 17;

Caledonian Iron (total 511 metric tons)—Britain 453,

Rhodesia or Germany 45.

Railway vehicles and accessories (total 12 metric tons)—Holland 9, 187; Belgium 1, 18; France 1, 10;

Germany 1, 14.

Railway rolling stock (total 1,895 metric tons)—

Britain 900, British India 216, Belgium 117, Germany 120.

Industrial machinery (total 1,473 metric tons)—

Britain 304, United States 287, Portuguese Colonies 230, Germany 156, British Africa 97, Belgium 41.

Commercial vehicles (number 1,147)—United States 104, Britain 16, British Africa 19.

Other vehicles (estimated by Germany 22;

British Africa 26, United States 10, Britain 2.

Timber and charcoal (total 5,707 metric tons)—

Sweden 3,244, United States 1,805, Germany 1,300,

British Africa 139, Norway 291, Japan 197, Holland 122.

Petrol (total 234 metric tons)—United States 124,

Dutch Colonies 41.

Cotton (total 1,541, 541 metric tons)—United States 459, Dutch Colonies 72.

Copper mineral ore (total 252 metric tons)—

United States 137, Britain 67.

Cotton piece goods, etc. (total 114 metric tons)—

Asia 57, Britain 38, Ireland 14, Germany 11.

Cotton oilseed (total 100 metric tons)—Britain 56,

Germany 21, United States 18, Holland 1.

Italy 10.

Empty spaces (total 1,755)—Asia 1,342, United States 1,122, Portuguese Colonies 340.

Cotton (total 1,392 metric tons)—United States 500,

Belgium 2763, Italy 1,000, British Africa 1,304.

Writing paper, plain (total 13 metric tons)—

Germany 5, 2, Britain 2, Portugal 1, British Africa 1.

Writing paper, printed (total 12 metric tons)—

British Africa 6, Britain 2, Portugal 2, and colonies 2.

Printing paper (total 20 metric tons)—Holland 16,

British Africa 7, Germany 2, Sweden 1.

Hemp paper and burlap (total 17 metric tons)—

Portugal 8, Germany 8, British Africa 2, and

British Asia 1, Holland 1.

Sisal (total 7,411 metric tons)—United States 5,093,

Belgium 50, 027, British Africa 34, 491, Portugal 19, 205.

Bundles (total 52 metric tons)—British Africa 50,

Portugal 2, and colonies 2.

Cans (total 10,030 metric tons)—United States 7,167,

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OUR KENYA LETTER

From Our Own Correspondent

Natives

Here in Kenya we have been intrigued by the cable news that the big Gold Coast loan was undersubscribed in London, and the man in the street regards it as an indication of what financial and economic circles at the seat of Empire think of the West Coast system which has had such high eulogies bestowed upon it more particularly by the authorities responsible for the policy which instigates the expansion within the Empire of the very race which has wreaked havoc protection and development. Yet Kenya's loan and we are apparently anathema to the bureaucratic mind stood at a premium within a month of issue. The shades of Lord Lovelock must surely rejoice over this corroboration of his views about Westcoastism.

Our correspondent's deductions are an interesting sidelight on Kenya's first impressions, but we fear that the failure of the Gold Coast loan can be attributed solely to its unattractive terms of issue and not to any question of politics.—*Ed.* E. A.

Forestry

Now that a new Conservator of Forests is likely to be appointed a strong demand is being made for greater activity in planting and the introduction of more useful trees in suitable parts of the world. From a time long antecedent to the arrival of the white man in Kenya the denudation of our savan areas had been going on steadily. The amount of tree planting occurring at present is far too restricted to make much difference to the rapidly approaching time when there will be a famine in wood of all kinds, particularly fire fuel around the more densely populated centres. In the Reserve little or nothing has as yet been done in the direction of replacing the timber as it stands, and wherever Natives have a bit of land set aside for cultivation for African races are now as bare of timber of any sort that for this reason alone considerable sections may have to be abandoned by their inhabitants, who at the present time sometimes send their women folk on a two days' journey in order to secure supplies.

Native Affairs

Considerable resentment is being manifested among the European settlers in the Colony against the Native who has otherwise intelligent and progressive qualities, but is continually bent on creating trouble. The people that I have met here seem to be divided into two classes, those who are described as "good and progressive." He states that though they are in excellent terms with the local farmers, they view with suspicion and alarm the incursion of European settlement and evince considerable agitation as to what may happen to their lands. This sounds almost like a bit of propaganda which can do nothing but harm if it gets into the hands of the Lumbwa them selves, and there are a lot of bushwhackers who will be glad to take advantage of the situation. The other class of people he describes as "bad and progressive." He states that though they are in excellent terms with the local farmers, they view with suspicion and alarm the incursion of European settlement and evince considerable agitation as to what may happen to their lands. This sounds almost like a bit of propaganda which can do nothing but harm if it gets into the hands of the Lumbwa them selves, and there are a lot of bushwhackers who will be glad to take advantage of the situation. The firm belief of many close students of the Native here is that whatever ideas of suspicion or dislike the Native may be slowly imbuing against the European who has done so much for him, may come in the first instance from statements of this kind.

Wasted Land

The choice of the Lumbwa by the C. S. F. as a singularly unfortunate one. This ill-tempered native has been saved on several occasions from massacre and

destruction at the hands of their former masters, the Masai, by the presence of the Europeans. Many of them have been taught by the exercise of great patience to do honest work, and they are beginning to go out in increasing numbers to employment on European farms. The few settlers who are now here have brought them much wealth, and the natives they graze their goats and cattle over one of the richest and best watered areas in East Africa, which, but to its best uses, is capable of producing enormous revenues from tea, coffee or other crops and grazing, and of which they have no knowledge whatever. And those who may have regretted that so much wasted land is to be found in their neighbourhood are in the same company with the reformers in England who rightly point to the untilled arable lands of the nation and complain that they are being made no proper use of and have fallen into wrong hands for wealth or food production.

Soccer Championship

The blue ribbon of Association football for a city has just been won by Mombasa, who last week made an assault upon the capital and wrested this honour from Nairobi's favourite team, the "Cillies." This is all the more creditable when one remembers that they live at the coast town in much hotter and more tropical conditions than are experienced in the Highlands, and that they had to ascend nearly six thousand feet and play in far more rarefied air than they are accustomed to in order to pull this triumph off. It is some years since this trophy went to the port, and a strong effort will be made next year to bring it back here again.

The Purdon

A somewhat extraordinary case has been giving one of our magistrates a great deal of trouble. Not only the accused but all the complainants and witnesses are Indian purdah women, and as according to their religion they must be swathed entirely in wraps when in the presence of that dangerous creature called man, none has been permitted to see any of the participants in the suit. Some of them have fled altogether at going to Court and threats of bringing them by warrant have had to be used. But even when they are in Court it is impossible for anyone to identify them, for they have the appearance merely of an erect bundle of clothes with the magistrate has had to take the word of one of the parties to the suit, the individual in question, which evidence is usually given in criminal cases. The lot of the learned magistrate and his wife precludes her not being a happy one.

Kilimafza Mine

Those Nairobians who lost their investments in the old Kilimafza Gold Mine last year will have received the report of the general meeting of the Mining Colony Council, the which calls the result of the trial proceedings that the company had been absolved of by the miners' claim and have retained it on behalf of the new company. It has been known for some time by a few residents here that along and just across the southern boundary of the colony lie two considerable mineraliferous areas, and a good deal of money has been spent by local people in prospecting it. This new London concern is fortunate enough to have inherited all the results of these efforts made during and even prior to the war, and our small circle of investors interested in mining can be sure that they have a very good thing on, despite the severe losses incurred in the past.

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JOINT EAST AFRICAN BOARD.

Next week we shall review the second annual report of the Joint East African Board, which will be posted to subscribers this week. Accompanying the report is a note regarding the forthcoming fixed for January 4 to inaugurate the new East African Trade and Information Office in Cockspur Street.

EAST AFRICAN LUNCHEON.

A LUNCHEON to inaugurate the opening of the East African Dependencies Trade and Information Office in London is to be held in the Whitehall Room, Hotel Metropole, S.W.1, on Monday, January 4, at 12.45 for one o'clock.

The Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby Gore, M.P., will propose the success of the office and the Rev. Hon. Lord Stansley of Alderley, Chairman of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute, will preside. Tickets for ladies or gentlemen (price 10s. 6d.) are obtainable from the Institute, the London Chamber of Commerce, or the British Empire Producers' Organisation.

SLEEPING SICKNESS ON THE UGANDA BORDER.

From a Correspondent.

A new high-sicknessfulness is raging in really terrible way in the Semliki Valley, between Congo, close by the Uganda border.

Father D'Hosseme, of the Roman Catholic Mission at Beni, Ituri District, in a painful letter to his superiors in Belgium, asks for help. Any assistance (money, pharmaceutical products, rags, &c.) will be thankfully received. The Belgian Society of Beni, Belgian Congo, the Mision des Pères du Sacré-Cœur de Jésus, in Belgium, who are organising regular ships to bring supplies, are coming.

The Belgian Colonial Mission is particularly carrying its share in the fight against this scourge, but in view of the appalling character of the epidemic further assistance will be welcomed by our neighbours.

This correspondent expresses the hope that medical and East African help will be available for this outbreak.—ED. "E.A."

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The Hall has for nearly four centuries been the residence of the Lyttelton family, built by the first Baron Lyttelton, the poet and historian. Viscount Cobham, the present head of the family, is chairman of East African Estates Ltd. and a keen student of East African conditions. His contribution to our Wimbley Souvenir Number on those conditions in Kenya having aroused widespread interest. His lordship is also president of the Worcestershire Cricket Club and has often played for the county.

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY'S RESULTS.

The report and accounts of the Company of Mozambique for 1924, which have just been issued to the shareholders, show a profit of £95,558 during the year, to which has to be added the £62,977 brought forward from 1923. The State takes 21% of the profits, £2,112 is transferred to the statutory reserve fund, and £12,674 is added to the special reserve fund. The directors do not recommend the distribution of a dividend, despite the considerable profit earned.

The issued capital stands at £3,000,000, an additional 250,000 shares having been issued in 1924. On December 31 of that year the funds available were returned at £166,908 in Africa and £102,921 in Europe. Receipts exceeded expenditure in Africa by £1,400, while in Europe expenses were £22,676 above the receipts, largely due to difference in exchange.

More interesting than the financial statement however is the memorandum upon the trade and administrative results of the year, but having kept our readers informed of such developments from month to month, we need do no more than summarise them here. In 1924 the commercial movement of the Mozambique Territory was valued at £1,274,318, or £1,465,084 above the previous year's figure. Production of sisal was up more than 65,000 tons, that of maize increased by some 10 tons, while 1,033 tons of winter cotton were harvested. Exports from the port of Beira reached 16,104 tons, while imports reached

10,106 tons. The value of the imports was £1,000,000, and the value of the exports £1,000,000. The Company's investments are noted in the following table, showing its participation in sugar and other enterprises in which shares are held.

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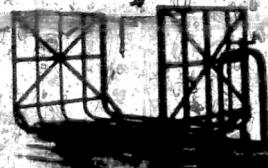
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Manufacturers wishing to appoint agents, and agents seeking further representations, are invited to communicate with the Editor. No charge is made for the service rendered by this Journal in such matters.

Firms in East Africa are invited to give us the address of their London representatives, as we can sometimes put inquiries in their way, and firms' houses are for the same reason invited to notify us of their agents in East and Central Africa.

Tanganyika has established a Post Office Savings Bank.

Conditions governing the erection of temporary godowns at cotton ginneries in Uganda have been gazetted.

Amendments to the laws relating to the recruitment of labour in Uganda are embodied in a recent Ordinance.

Postal rates on parcels handed in for transmission from Uganda to Kenya are now the same as those obtaining for inland parcels in Uganda.

During the month ended November 20, 5,157 bags of maize were received by the Government Grader and Inspector, Kilindini, 677 sacks being rejected.

Earnings of the Tanganyika Railways during the first ten months of 1925 are returned at £221,139, a considerable increase over the corresponding figures of which amounted to £180,314.

It is officially stated that between January and November had 1,461 cars for hire or for hire and 1,000 vehicles in service. The extent of Uganda's utilization of motor transport is evident.

Telephone trunk services have been established between Dar-es-Salam, Mohoro and Kilwa and between Mombasa and Arusha. The fee for a three-minute connection in the former case is 16/- 1.5d. that between Kilwa and Dar-es-Salam 11/- 1.1d.

Imports into Zanzibar during the month of October, 1925, included cheese 3 cwt., condensed milk, 261 lbs. tea, 185 lbs., cigarettes and tobacco, 17,705 lbs., cement, 177 tons, asphalt, 10 tons, paint, 100 cwt., hardware, 57 cwt., iron and steel manufacturers' vanised sheets, 57 tons, enamelware, 23 tons, nails, screws, etc., 39 tons, hardware, 117 cwt., hardware, 62 cwt., rope, cordage and twine, 163 cwt., chemicals, 258 cwt., sulphur, 17 cwt., candles, 149 cwt., soap, 136 cwt.

The imports of cotton piece goods into Zanzibar during October were as follows:

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During the month of September, the imports into Tanganyika Territory included, condensed milk, 100 cwt., cigarettes and tobacco, 30,052 lb., cement, 305 tons, galvanized iron sheets, 98 tons, iron and steel manufactures, 5,338 tons, 49,725 cotton blankets, 300 cwt., 92 cwt.,

Tanganyika's domestic exports which were valued at £334,416 for the month of September included coffee, 20,841 cwt.; sisal, 1,835 tons; rubber, 1,950 cwt.; cotton, 10,209 cwt.; copra, 542 tons; simsim, 717 tons; groundnuts, 1,519 tons; shoddy, 3,511 cwt.; skins, 1,106 cwt.; gold, 1,039 oz. troy.

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During the month of October the total quantity of cargo handled at Beira landed, loaded and transhipped amounted to 61,354 tons, compared with 57,113 tons in October, 1924. For the ten months ended October the total cargo movement of the port was 503,620 tons, or 26,419 tons above the corresponding period of 1924. It would therefore seem that, despite of the considerable reduction in shipments of agricultural products resulting from the unusually wet and uncomfortable season in the Mozambique Company's territory, as hitherto, the total cargo may show a small increase over that of 1924.

EAST AFRICAN MAILS.

Mails for Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar close at 10 a.m. P.O., London, at 1 p.m. to-day, December 31. Further despatches are scheduled for January 1, 2, 3 and 14. For Nyasaland, Northern Rhodesia and Portuguese East Africa this stage of the year is

marked by a lull in shipping, but the mail to Zanzibar may show a small increase over that of 1924.

EAST AFRICAN PRODUCE REPORTS.

On account of the Christmas holidays business in the produce markets has been very restricted, and no reliable returns of production figures could be obtained at the time of writing.

Trade in sisal in Zanzibar is still slow, and although factory imports continue to be made in quantities of sisal, wool, and cotton, the industry being produced, but its export market leads to the belief that the season has been an exceptionally bad one. The price of sisal is at present stabilized at 10/- per cwt. per ton, and the demand for sisal in one direction, namely, for the manufacture of production from local mills, is not large, so that there is not with strong competition, but a good clearing market at full prices offered, and that conditions are showing better signs, and are improving in sisal. The same trade continues to be much larger quantities.

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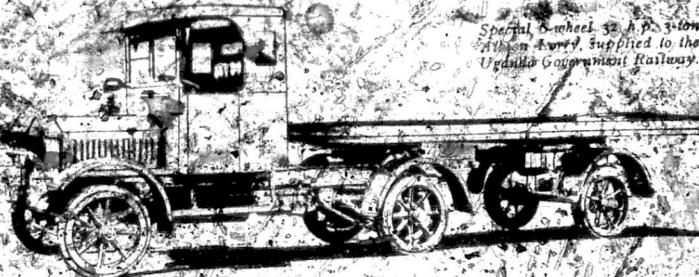
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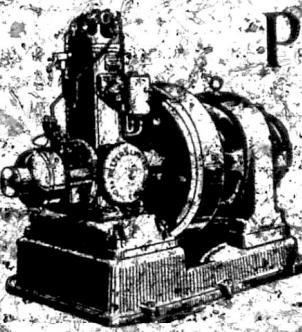
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